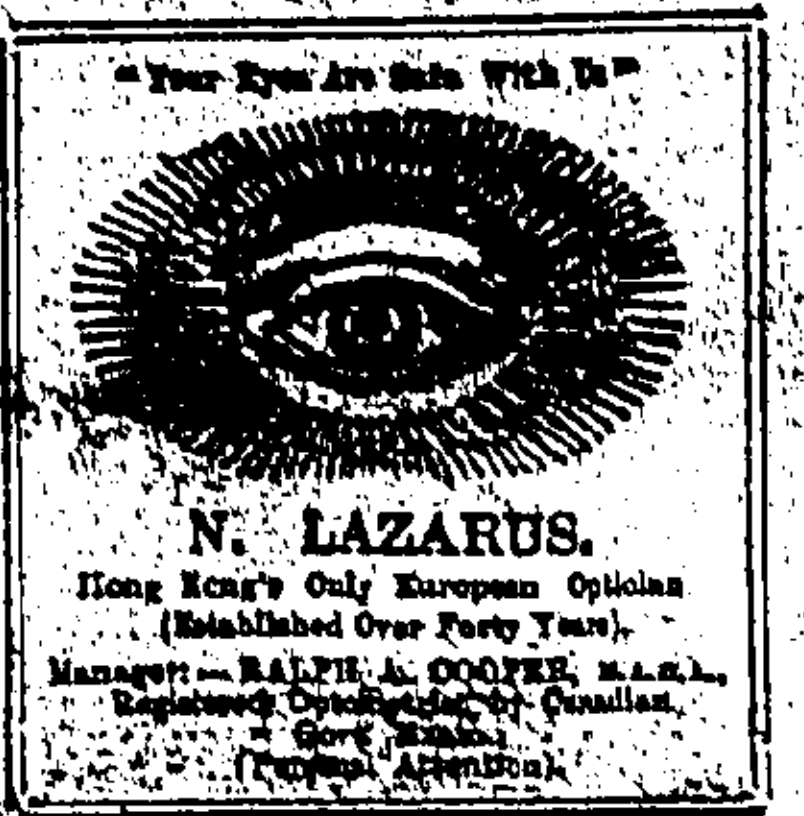


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Kowloon ...Dep.	5.40	8.05	10.10	12.00	1.15	2.15	4.25	5.45
Yamatsi ...Dep.	5.45	8.10	10.15	12.05	1.20	2.20	4.30	5.50
Shatin ...Dep.	5.50	8.15	10.20	12.10	1.25	2.25	4.35	5.55
Taipei ...Dep.	5.55	8.20	10.25	12.15	1.30	2.30	4.40	6.00
Taipei Market ...Dep.	6.00	8.25	10.30	12.20	1.35	2.35	4.45	6.05
Fanning ...Dep.	6.05	8.30	10.35	12.25	1.40	2.40	4.50	6.10
Shenzhen ...Dep.	6.10	8.35	10.40	12.30	1.45	2.45	4.55	6.15
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Canton ...Arr.	11.50	5.38	—	—	6.03	—	—	—

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Canton ...Dep.	7.15	8.05	10.35	11.05	11.37	2.38	4.41	5.49
Shenzhen ...Dep.	7.20	8.10	10.40	11.10	11.42	2.42	4.45	5.53
Shenzhen ...Dep.	7.25	8.15	10.45	11.15	11.47	2.47	4.50	5.58
Taipei ...Dep.	7.30	8.20	10.50	11.20	11.52	2.52	4.55	6.03
Taipei Market ...Dep.	7.35	8.25	10.55	11.25	11.57	2.57	5.00	6.08
Fanning ...Dep.	7.40	8.30	11.00	11.30	12.02	3.02	5.05	6.13
Shenzhen ...Dep.	7.45	8.35	11.05	11.35	12.07	3.07	5.10	6.18
Shenzhen ...Arr.	8.11	8.45	11.25	11.55	12.37	3.37	5.40	6.48
Kowloon ...Arr.	8.17	9.03	11.31	11.49	12.37	3.37	5.40	6.48

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Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.04	10.00	12.00	2.24	5.18
Yamatsi ...Dep.	6.45	8.10	8.35	9.09	10.05	12.05	2.29	5.23
Shatin ...Dep.	6.50	8.15	8.40	9.14	10.10	12.10	2.34	5.28
Taipei ...Dep.	6.55	8.20	8.45	9.19	10.15	12.15	2.39	5.33
Taipei Market ...Dep.	7.00	8.25	8.50	9.24	10.20	12.20	2.44	5.38
Fanning ...Dep.	7.05	8.30	8.55	9.29	10.25	12.25	2.49	5.43
Shenzhen ...Dep.	7.10	8.35	9.00	9.34	10.30	12.30	2.54	5.48
Shenzhen ...Arr.	7.41	8.45	9.10	9.44	10.40	12.40	3.25	6.18
Canton ...Arr.	11.50	—	—	—	—	—	6.03	—

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Canton ...Dep.	8.05	10.34	11.09	11.37	2.38	5.06	5.34	6.34
Shenzhen ...Dep.	8.10	10.39	11.14	11.42	2.42	5.10	5.38	6.38
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Taipei ...Dep.	8.20	10.49	11.24	11.52	2.52	5.20	5.48	6.48
Taipei Market ...Dep.	8.25	10.54	11.29	11.57	2.57	5.25	5.53	6.53
Fanning ...Dep.	8.30	11.00	11.35	12.03	3.03	5.30	5.58	6.58
Shenzhen ...Dep.	8.35	11.05	11.40	12.08	3.08	5.35	6.03	7.03
Shenzhen ...Arr.	8.41	11.11	11.46	12.14	3.14	5.41	6.09	7.09
Kowloon ...Arr.	8.47	11.17	11.52	12.20	3.20	5.47	6.15	7.15

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WINTER DUG-OUTS IN SHANSI.

DEVASTATION MARKS FENG'S MARCH.

* NO SERIOUS FIGHTING.

CHANGTUNG, December 30th.

The situation along the Peking-Hankow Railway, between Shihchiachuang and the Yellow River has been somewhat obscure for several weeks past, writes a N.C. Daily News correspondent. This has been especially true of that section of the line which runs through North Honan, as quite contradictory reports have been in circulation about it.

At Shihchiachuang, the eastern terminus of the so-called Teheng-Tai narrow-gauge line into Shansi, the Fengtien troops hold the town and about five miles of the railway. At that distance west of the town, their trenches face those of the Shansi army and both seem to have settled down for a quiet winter holiday, though a certain number of troops leave their dug-outs almost every day for a little futile strafing of the enemy. Governor Yen Hsi Shan got all the narrow-gauge rolling stock away from the terminus at the time of his retreat, so it is not available if the Fengtien troops should be able to advance. In regard to this, many people in the vicinity would not be surprised if, in due time, the advance came from the other direction.

Military Monopolization.

Down in North Honan, the Fengtien troops hold the line as far as Chihhsien, a county town 40 miles south of Changtong and once greatly famed in China's early history. From Chihhsien to Takang, the next station south of it, is a no-man's land which even the faithful engineer who, for so many years has devoted himself to the care of the Yellow River bridge recently found himself unable to cross and had to return to Peking. As a matter of fact, only military traffic is allowed anywhere on the 60 miles between Changtong and Weihueifu, which is the next station south of Takang.

Where White Russians are Fighting.

From Takang southward, the line is held by Marshal Feng's troops and a curious situation exists at Weihueifu, where a brigade of Marshal Chang Tsung Chang's army, including 200 or more White Russians, has been besieged for two months. They represent the utmost spear-thrust of Chang's force westward in October. Feng's troops have walls across the suburban streets, outside the gates, to guard against any sudden rush and escape of the beleaguered force. Most business houses, both in the city and suburbs, have closed their doors. The eastern railway station (Tao-Ching line) has been burned, and even the post-office is disorganized, allowing a small mountain of mail to accumulate without any apparent effort to distribute it.

The Gentle Christian General.

Reference has been made to the devastating march of Marshal Feng's troops along the railway from Weihueifu to Changtong when reinforcements arrived after their encounter with the Red Spears in August. We have seen an itemized list, which some Chinese agency has compiled, of the destruction at that time of life and property in hamlets close to the railway. The portion seen covers only half the villages in which 137 people were killed and 7,598 chian of buildings were burned. The buildings destroyed would be roughly equivalent to over 2,000 Chinese houses of average size. This is only part of the list!

THE TRACK OF WAR.

LARGE AREAS OF HONAN DESOLATE.

STARVED PEOPLE IN RAGS.

DUAL BURDEN OF ARMIES AND RED SPEARS.

TIENSIN, December 30th.

Recently, Honan has been feeling the heavy hand of the Kuomintang very severely, writes a North China Daily News correspondent. Then, in addition to the military, there are numerous People's Societies increasing in number very rapidly, and the hope of the Honanese is that in time they will be able to protect themselves from the extortions of the military. From a Wanhien Chinese we have had some facts reported. In the Huaihsing district alone, there are over 40,000 Red Spears and during the past two months they have flourished greatly. In the month of October, it will be remembered, they fought with the Moslems of whom there are some 15,000 families, and, fearing a return attack, they have added men and arms to strengthen the Red Spear Societies.

Villages Taxed For Arms.

At first, the support of the People's Societies was purely voluntary, but now the villages are taxed for arms and equipment, and, consequently, a double burden rests upon the people, one imposed by the military in taxes, and the other by the societies opposing the military. The taxes now are collected up to the 2nd year of the Republic. Besides this the billeting and entertaining of soldiers means a monthly tax of at least one dollar out of every ten dollars earned. Our informant says that the Kuomintang, inclusive of the First, Second, and Third Armies, totals about 600,000 men. The main body is concentrated in Honan and the rest in the provinces of Shensi and Kansu.

Bandits Everywhere.

Bandits and robber bands are operating everywhere, with ever-increasing boldness. The oppression and the poverty of the people tends to add more and more to these bands as the winter comes on. Several villages have suffered very severely and the people are living in constant terror. A fairly good harvest was reaped last summer and autumn, but the people are clothed in rags and are eating black cereals. Business is at a standstill.

Honan in times of peace is busy with dusty trade routes and commercial fairs. It is very thickly populated and a large part of the population must make money other than on the land. Hence, in times of war, as for many years, and especially in the last nine months, all avenues of trade are cut off. Even mail cannot get through sometimes for months, while the parcel post and money orders are things of the past. From 12 to 18 per cent. is asked to remit money and then there is no guarantee whatever that it will be safely transmitted.

Villages Deserted.

A recent refugee from North Honan described some parts, for example, between Weihuei and Changtong, as "barren waste with towns and villages deserted. This section has been fought over by contending armies four times within the last two months. Great numbers of refugees have left Honan and are trying to winter in Chihli and Manchuria. Cotton factories, egg factories, flour mills, and mines long have ceased operations. Those who lived near the Kinshan and Lungshai Railways and did business or worked at the stations have had to seek elsewhere for a living. The military so utilize the railways for their own movements that there is no normal traffic. No one dares to live near the stations else they will be required to carry burdens for the soldiers.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Entries close for Fanning Hunt Steeplechase Meeting, noon.
Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanning.
Annual Children's Sports at Kowloon Cricket Club.
Annual Yuletide Party for Children at Royal Naval Dockyard Recreation Club.
Yachting: 8th Championship Race for racing yachts.
Cricket League: Division I: Civil Service C.C. v. Royal Navy; R.G.A. v. I.R.C. "B" University; Changseng v. C.C. Division II: Tamar v. H.K. Electric Co.; Recreation v. Royal Engineers; Police R.C. v. Kowloon C.C.
Friendly Cricket: C.R.C. v. Hong Kong C.C.; K.C.C. v. Garrison; H.K.C.C. and XI. v. Civil Service C.C. and XI.
Rugby: Club v. E.R.A., Happy Valley Rugby F.C. ground, 3.30 p.m.

Football League: Division I: Club v. Queens; Police v. Chinese Ath.; K.O.S.B. v. Kowloon; Air Force v. Recreation; South China v. South China "B" v. Kowloon; Royal Artillery v. South China "A"; Club v. University; Recreation v. Chinese Ath.; K.O.S.B. v. St. Joseph's Division II: "B" St. Joseph's v. Kung Woo; South China "A" v. Kowloon Chinese Ath. v. South China "B"; Scouts v. Moslems.
Tennis: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Presentation to Mr. P. T. Lamble, Civil Service C.C., 6 p.m.
Cafe Regent and King Edward Hotel dinner dances, 8 p.m.
Hong Kong Boxing Association Tournament, Lee Theatre, 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Eagle."
Star Theatre: "The Show Off."
Principal: "Outward."
Europe via—Marseilles, etc. (Morra), 10.30 a.m.; Canada, America, etc., and Europe via Victoria, B.C. (Tyndareus), 10 a.m.

Sunday.

1st Sunday after Epiphany.
Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanning; Qualifying Round Junior Championship.

Yachting: Naval Day.
Theosophical Society: Lecture on "A Spiritual Awakening," by Mr. J. Russell, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 6 p.m.
"Cheer O" Y.M.C.A.: Men's Meeting, 7.45 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Cheating Cheaters."

World Theatre: "Miss Bluebeard" (5.15 and 9.30), "War Jar," Chinese picture (7.30 and 7.15).
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Monday.

Yachting: 5th Championship Race for Ladies' Section.
Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m.
H.K. University Congregation for conferring of degrees, 6 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Lecture on "The Spirit of America," by Mr. J. D. Bush, at St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, 8.30 p.m.

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Tuesday.

Peace Treaty Ratified with Germany, 1920.
Sanitary Board meeting, 4.15 p.m.
Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.
Hockey: Club 2nd XI. v. 5/2 Punjabis, King's Park, 4.45 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club dance at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8.45 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "La Boheme."
World Theatre: "A Thief in Paradise" (5.15 and 9.30), "War Jar," Chinese picture (7.30 and 7.15).
Star Theatre: "The Bakermaker."
Dick Norton and his "Globe Trotters" in "Happy Moments."
Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
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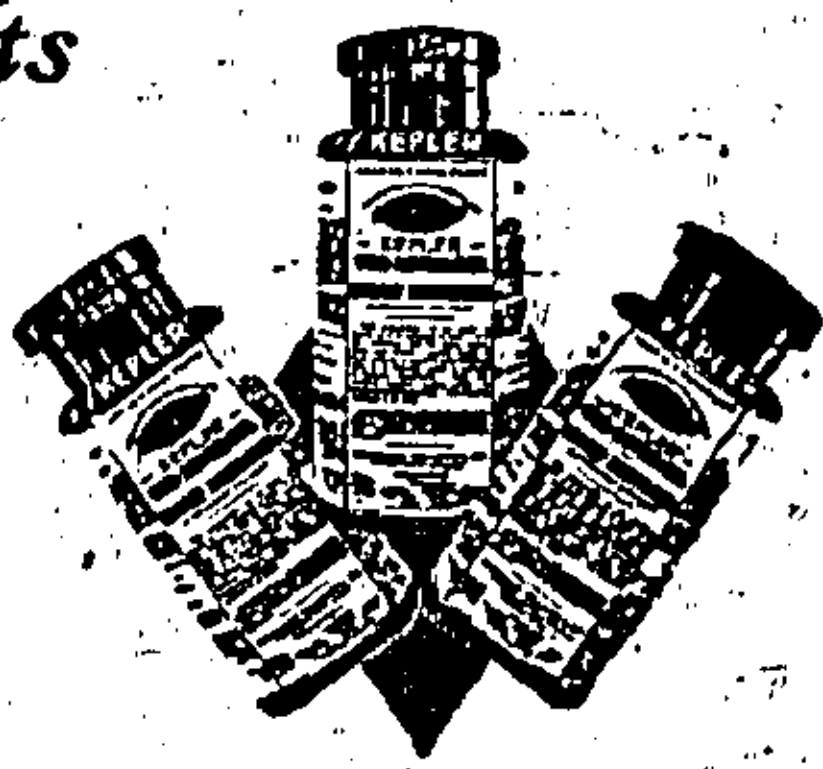
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SAVEDWARDING OF INDUSTRIES ACT.—Fruitful and ruinous.

TRADE UNIONS.—The leaders' present effort to secure peaceful methods is extremely gratifying.

NATIONALISED BANKS.—A Socialist plan to raid the nation's credit.

EMPIRE FREE TRADE.—Would do away with unemployment.

PASSENGER FARES.—In some instances, first-class charges were unduly high, a mile cheaper than railway or charabanc.

New 19,000-Ton Liner.

Turning to the affairs of the P. & O. Company the Chairman announced that they had under construction a steamer of about 19,000 tons, capable of 19 knots. The greatest possible consideration had been given to her passenger accommodation, looking to the fact that more comfort and more luxury arrangements were constantly demanded. She was to be turbo-electric driven, which, it was believed, would give a complete absence of vibration.

First-Class Prices.

He said that although passage earnings had advanced by £250,000 very few voyages left a credit balance. There had been, for various reasons, a shortage of cargo to and from India, China and Australia. Comparing the cost of first-class steamer travel with that of hotel life ashore, he put the hotel charge at £2 daily and said that, after deducting that, they found the cost of a first-class voyage to and from Bombay worked out at 11d. a mile; to Singapore and Sydney under 1d., and to Hong Kong and Yokohama under a half-penny a mile.

The Australian Lines: A Denial.

He denied the statement that the company owned all the shipping sailing between Britain and Australia. Not one of the lines with which he has been associated had ever attacked the trade of any company or any man. If themselves attacked, they had always fought, and if need be, they would fight again.

Dividends.

Although the P. & O. were not doing so well for the time being as they could wish, he hoped that when they met next year the board would be able to recommend a moderate dividend.

The report was adopted. A dividend was declared of 2 1/2 per cent on the Preferred stock, less income tax, and 5 per cent on the Deferred stock, free of income tax.

Curious Things.

Earlier in his address the Chairman said:

"Many curious things are happening nowadays," he said. "I notice ladies are not to be allowed to get gloves from across the Channel unless they are marked 'made in France.' This, to my mind, is an excellent way of advertising French gloves, as, if these give satisfaction, the same kind will undoubtedly be ordered again. The idea seems to be that our people will avoid buying anything of foreign manufacture if they know it."

Bringing It Home To Us.

"I don't believe this will hold water for a moment, and if it did, where should we be? We produce no gold in this country, we pay for our imports by our exports, visible and invisible. We have to buy, how are we to sell? Trade is an interchange of commodities, and the idea of shutting out foreign goods is nothing short of fatuous, and if it succeeds it will ruin the general trade of the country."

"In the exchanges of civilised life we must all give a loaf for a loaf. The Socialist idea of bank nationalisation is an impossibility. Money and credit, like coal, corn, and beer, have their proper uses. These proposals seem to me to have but one object—to raid the nation's credit or the so-called 'good' of the people."

Hint To Dominionists.

"It is to be hoped that the tide of British migration to British lands beyond the seas may tend to regain its former volume. It would be to the ultimate advantage of our Dominionists if their efforts were more directed to their great hinterlands and to the development of productive virgin soil than to the building up of industries in the towns by protective tariffs, which are yearly increasing the cost of living and must eventually impose great hardship."

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CHINESE.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 3rd.

The gallant deed on Friday night of Mr. E. V. Bishop, Chief Officer of the L.C.s.s. *Lee Sang*, and four Chinese quartermasters, to be added to the list of intrepid feats to the credit of maritime men, who have faced the dangerous waters of the mouth of the Yangtze. In a gale they were lowered from the shipside in a lifeboat, and rowed to the rescue of ten Japanese fishermen, who sent up signals of distress from their motor launch, which was being buffeted by the storm and a strong ebb tide. The fishermen would not leave their vessel owing to the heavy currents and high waves and the gallant men had to make their way back to their vessel. Here their lifeboat was smashed against the hull of the vessel and they were thrown into the raging sea, but fortunately all were rescued, being none the worse for their adventure, except for the drenching they received.

The *Lee Sang*, commanded by Captain W. R. Bateman, was bound for Shanghai, and had reached a point between Fairway Buoy and Amherst Rocks.

Fishing Launch Adrs.

Captain Bateman was at dinner, when the lookout sang out that he saw a ship on fire. On approaching closer it could be seen that the distressed men were trying to attract their attention and it appears that the crew of the launch had set fire to a portion of their vessel as a signal of distress. On the other hand the ship may have caught fire. When the *Lee Sang* had steamed to within a safe distance, Captain Bateman ordered the crew to drop the anchor. It was but a moment until he had gathered four quartermasters, officered by the first officer, to the lifeboat on the port side.

They were lowered away with difficulty in the heavy sea and it was only with great skill on the part of the men in the lifeboat that they reached the water without wrecking the boat. They had the advantage of being lowered on the lee side and the ebbing tide, running six knots per hour, was of great assistance.

Assistance Declined.

By almost superhuman efforts they got alongside the fishing launch, where they saw the crew battling with the elements and the fire. They tried through signs to make them understand that they should leave the launch. The Japanese, it is believed, did not understand. The howling wind made it impossible for verbal communication. Mr. Bishop reiterated his motions, but the Japanese would not leave their ship.

Reluctantly the order was given to return to the *Lee Sang*. On approaching the ship, the lifeboat was smashed against the *Lee Sang's* side.

The men were thrown into the sea and, but for life lines were thrown and they assisted each other in catching them. Mr. Bishop worked valiantly and finally the last man was hoisted on board the ship. Here first aid methods were applied.

It was learned late last evening from the Japanese Consulate that a Japanese vessel, the *N.K.K. Kaga Maru*, had rescued two Japanese fishermen, probably from this launch. The fate of the other eight is uncertain. The *Kaga Maru* was outward bound for Tsingtao. — *N.C. Daily News.*

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TRADE WITH CHINA.

LANCASHIRE TEXTILE
GOODS.

FIGURES FOR 1928 AND 1927.

Mr. Douglas Hacking (Secretary to the Overseas Trade Department), in reply to Sir Walter de Frece (C. Blackpool), stated in the House of Commons that in recent months there has been a slight recovery in the exports of Lancashire textile goods to China and Hong Kong from the low level reached in the second quarter of 1927. He issued the following statement showing the exports of cotton piece-goods to China and Hong Kong registered in each month since January, 1926:—

Month	1926	1927	1928
January	19,372	780,731	19,372
February	23,632	935,139	23,632
March	10,533	711,930	10,533
April	16,612	508,980	16,612
May	10,342	338,313	10,342
June	13,745	309,042	13,745
July	11,460	458,495	11,460
August	18,503	700,963	18,503
September	13,999	461,396	13,999
October	11,332	402,921	11,332
November	9,104	331,403	9,104
December	8,688	334,212	8,688

Month	1927	1928
January	18,577	766,057
February	15,932	675,746
March	10,992	409,605
April	3,966	122,066
May	5,219	163,171
June	5,535	180,564
July	5,201	306,321
August	6,671	280,973
September	6,986	236,329
October	7,529	235,490

THE BOXER INDEMNITY TO FRANCE.

PAYMENT FROM CHINESE
MARITIME CUSTOMS.

The Hong Kong Agency of the Banque Franco-Chinoise writes:—
"The Chinese Maritime Customs having effected the second payment of the half year, 1927, on the Boxer Indemnity, the coupons No. 6, the bonds drawn on December 1st, 1927, of the 5 per cent. Gold Loan, 1925, will be redeemable on the 15th inst. through our Agencies."

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

JANUARY 6th, 1928.	
R.K. Bank	\$1,185 buy, 1,162 sell
Do.	London \$1,223 buy, 1,201 sell
Chartered Bank	\$221 buy, 220 sell
Merchants Bank & Co.	\$214 buy, 213 sell
Do.	0/14 bid
P. & O. Bank	\$210 buy, 209 sell
East Asia Bank	\$271 buy, 270 sell
Canton Insurance	\$390 buy, 389 sell
Union Insurance	\$298 buy, 299 sell
North China Ins.	\$143 buy, 142 sell
Yankee Insurance	\$146 buy, 145 sell
China Underwriters	\$135 buy, 134 sell
China Fire Insurance	\$125 buy, 124 sell
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	\$360 buy, 359 sell
Douglases	\$404 buy, 403 sell
Steamboats	\$325 buy, 324 sell
H.K. Tugs	\$320 buy, 319 sell
Indo-China (Fret)	\$300 buy, 299 sell
Do.	\$45 bid
Shell Transport	\$142 bid, 141 ask
Waterboats	\$171 buy, 170 sell
Benguet	\$34 buy, 33 sell
Railway Mining Ad.	\$29 bid, 28 ask
Langkat (combined)	\$184 buy, 183 sell
Do. (single)	\$184 buy, 183 sell
China Explorations	\$125 buy, 124 sell
Shanghai Loans	\$110 bid, 109 ask
Banks	\$34 bid, 33 ask
Tromch Mines	\$217 bid, 216 ask
H.K. & W. Wharves	\$128 buy, 127 sell
H.K. & W. Docks	\$35 buy, 34 sell
China Provident	\$45 buy, 44 sell

Hongkong	\$140 buy, 139 sell
New Engineering	\$15 bid, 14 ask
Shanghai Docks	\$90 buy, 89 sell
Ewo Cottons	\$11 bid, 10 ask
Oriental	\$11 bid, 10 ask
Shanghai Cottons (old)	\$11 bid, 10 ask
Do.	\$11 bid, 10 ask
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$818 bid, 817 ask
H.K. Land	\$85 bid, 84 ask
Shanghai Land	\$54 bid, 53 ask
Humphreys Estates	\$143 bid, 142 ask
Hong Kong Realities	\$730 bid, 729 ask
H.K. Territorials	\$11 bid, 10 ask
H.K. Tramways	\$234 bid, 233 ask
Peak Tram (old)	\$14 bid, 13 ask
Do. (new)	\$14 bid, 13 ask
Star Ferries	\$92 bid, 91 ask
China Lights (combined)	\$184 bid, 183 ask
Do. (old)	\$104 bid, 103 ask
Do. (new)	\$83 bid, 82 ask
H.K. Electric	\$34 bid, 33 ask
Macao Electric	\$34 bid, 33 ask
Telephones	\$39 bid, 38 ask
China Buses	\$19 bid, 18 ask
Singapore Traditions	\$19 bid, 18 ask
China Sugars	\$34 bid, 33 ask
Malayan Sugars	\$27 bid, 26 ask
Canton Ice	\$21 bid, 20 ask
Cements (combined)	\$7.95 bid, 7.94 ask
Do. (old)	\$6.90 bid, 6.89 ask
Do. (new)	\$6.90 bid, 6.89 ask
H.K. Ropes (old)	\$6 bid, 5 ask
Do. (new)	\$6 bid, 5 ask
United Asbestos	\$10 bid, 9 ask
Dairy Farms	\$174 bid, 173 ask
Watsons	\$11 bid, 10 ask
Der & Wings	\$3 bid, 2 ask
Leas Collieries	\$3 bid, 2 ask
MacKintoshes	\$23 bid, 22 ask
Sincere	\$23 bid, 22 ask
Wm. Powell	\$4 bid, 3 ask
H.K. Amusements	\$23 bid, 22 ask
H.K. Constructions	\$11 bid, 10 ask
H.K. Indus. G. Bonds	\$6 bid, 5 ask
H.K. Govt. Loans	\$6 bid, 5 ask
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COST OF THE EXPEDITION ARY FORCE.

DETAILS OF SUPPLEMENTARY
ESTIMATES.

Papers from Home give further details of the supplementary estimate for a further Three Million and Ninety Thousand Pounds for the Army for the year ending March 31st, 1928.

This sum was needed for the excess cost involved in the employment of extra troops in China, which was not provided in the estimates of the year.

The main additional charges were in respect of:

- 1.—Sea transport, £978,000.
- 2.—Pay, etc., of members of Section A of the Army Reserve called up to complete the establishment of units, £358,000.
- 3.—Maintenance of troops sent from India, £124,000.
- 4.—Purchase of additional stores, £105,000.
- 5.—Accommodation at Shanghai and Hong Kong, £136,000.

The original Army Estimates for the year, issued in March, last, were £41,565,000, compared with £42,500,000 when year before. But no money provision for the despatch of troops to China was included.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUBBY, Jan. 5th.	
Paris	124
Brussels	34.92
Amsterdam	12.06
Berlin	20.46
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.54
Helsinki	183.90
Bucharest	9.13/32
Buenos Aires	790
Bombay	47.25/32
Yokohama	1/12 1/16
New York	4.67 15/16
Geneva	25.28
Milan	92.30
Stockholm	18.10
Oslo	18.34
Prague	154
Madrid	23.24
Athens	387
Rio	5.29/32
Shanghai	2/7
Hong Kong	2/7
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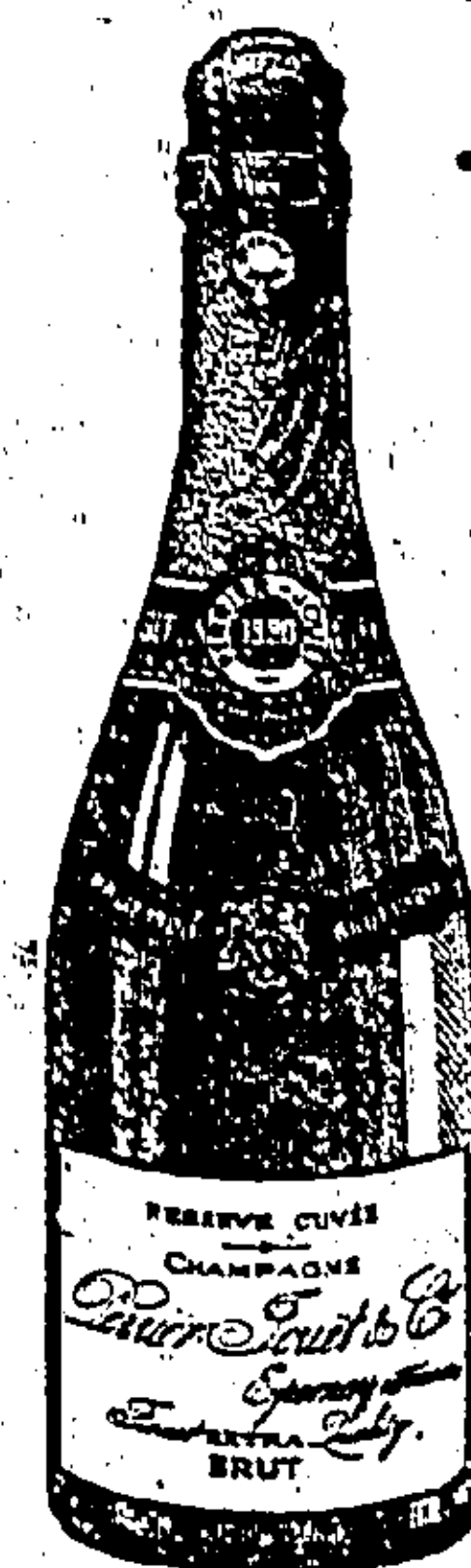
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THE GLOBE TROTTERS

OPENING DATE CHANGED

Owing to unavoidable circumstances, the opening date of the Globe Trotters' season at the Star Theatre has been changed from Sunday, January 8th to

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10th.

A BOOM?

BRITISH TRADE IN
NOVEMBER.

VERY SATISFACTORY
INCREASE.

British exports went up with a bound in November, and the highest total for any month during the past three years is recorded in the Board of Trade returns issued today. The totals for the past three Novembers were:—

1925	£20,977,337
1926	£23,063,617
1927	£20,608,831

Last month's total was an increase over October this year of £2,442,537; over November, 1926, of £17,348,001; and over November, 1925, of £9,892,294.

Exports of Manufactures.

The character of the increase is even more pleasing than the amount, for when compared with November of last year, articles wholly or mainly manufactured rose by £13,068,776.

The principal increases were:—Iron and steel and manufactures thereof, £2,758,922; machinery, £1,441,933; cotton yarns and manufactures, £3,488,573; and vehicles, including motor-cars, ships and aircraft, £1,790,987.

In raw materials and articles mainly unmanufactured the increase of £2,001,457 was largely accounted for by an advance in coal of £3,408,900, though the total for last month was £272,006 below that recorded for November, 1925.

Figures for Imports.

Imports for November, though they showed an increase on the preceding month of £2,387,022—the total being £107,417,632—were down by £3,878,012 when compared with the previous November.

The big increases were all in food, drink, and tobacco, there being a net advance under this heading of £8,730,422. The other increases were:—Grain and flour, £2,739,837; dutiable food and drink, £1,421,013; and dutiable food and drink, £2,538,122.

There was a decrease of £1,411,380 in imports of meat. Coal to the value of only £2,252 was imported last month, which was a decrease of £9,035,002 on the total for the previous November, when the country was still suffering from the effects of the coal stoppage.

Decreases in imports included:—Raw cotton and cotton waste, £2,089,437; coke and manufactured fuel, £1,045,080; oils, fats and resins manufactured, £1,359,846; iron and steel and manufactures thereof, £2,032,232.

For the eleven months ended November the imports totalled £1,113,982,580, a decrease of £15,585,493 on the similar period of 1925, while British exports were valued at £250,271,478, an advance of £48,086,368 on the first eleven months of last year.

STRANGE ANIMAL OF EAST AFRICA.

NANDI "BEAR" THAT MAY BE A GIANT HYENA.

TERROR OF KENYA COLONY.

Who will solve the mystery of the Nandi "bear," that strange beast of the East African veld, which has terrorized the natives and taken heavy toll of their stock and which devours its prey in a manner unlike that of any other animal? asks the *Morning Post*. The Nandi "bear" has also taken human life, killing a child of the Karasai tribe and, since the tragedy, a number of people claim to have seen the animal.

The animal appears to bear a charmed life, for on every occasion when it has been sighted some unusual circumstance saved it from identification—and a Latin name. A rifle jammed, or the ammunition was finished, or an elephant was seen down stream.

Captain Ritchie, a noted big-game hunter and the Game Warden of Kenya Colony, believes in the Nandi "bear," and thinks it may be a giant hyena, though he admits "it may be different from anything we know." But why a giant hyena should have six digits, as the spoor of the Nandi "bear" suggests, he is at a loss to explain.

It is now clear that the perpetrator of a third series of hideous unexplained crimes is a hyena of huge size. This beast, which recently killed twelve cattle near Tusso, does his work in a most unprofessional manner. In every case the carcass is found almost unscratched except for one shoulder, the near-by ribs and the heart. The Kikuyu say that one of these redoubtable animals was killed at Tusso four years ago, that it was as big as a lion, and had ten spurs through its body.

An expert who investigated the matter has no doubt that the animal is similar to the Strandwolf (Hyacinth Brunnens) of South Africa, a specimen of which he obtained many years ago in the Kalahari, and which he describes as being very large, of a dark brown color with darker spots and hair five inches long, hanging down the flanks.

POLICE BAN AT SOCIETY BALL.

PROGRAMME PRIZES
FORBIDDEN.

GAME OF "SKILL" SUBSTITUTED.

Because the police held that it was "a lottery," a scheme by which Society women hoped to raise money for a ball for the British Hospital for Mothers and Babies at Woolwich had to be abandoned.

The ball, says the *Evening News*, is "The Guinea Ball," which is being held in the May Fair Hotel.

The chairman is Lady Towle, and the vice-chairman the Countess of Carlisle. The Marchioness of Cambridge, under whose patronage the ball is taking place, intends to be present.

The Ultimatum.

The scheme which the authorities have banned involved the sale of programmes to guests at 5s each. Each programme was to bear a different number, and certain numbers were to enable the holders to prizes of considerable value.

M. Deveney, the manager of the hotel, received an intimation from the police that the scheme must be dropped, and that if it was not proceedings would be instituted under the Lotteries Act against those responsible for the ball.

Legal advice on the matter was sought by our directorate, an official of the hotel company said to a press representative.

The original plan is to be 'washed out,' and guests at the ball will compete for the prizes in a way which our lawyers pronounce to be legal.

How Many Beads?

In a big glass bowl—like a gold-fish bowl—which will be placed in the ballroom, there will be hundreds of beads. Exactly how many will be known to only one person.

There will be slips in the programme bearing the words: "I guess there are... beads in the bowl," with a space for the name and address of the holder.

The prizes will be distributed among a certain number of persons whose figures are nearest to the actual number of beads.

That scheme is a game of skill, and puts us within the law.

And Another.

Another police move against a similar charity scheme was made recently against a titled woman who organized a ball at the same hotel.

She received a warning only a few hours before the function was to be held, and was threatened with court proceedings if she carried through her project.

On that occasion the guests, in order to win the prizes, had to guess as nearly as possible the number of people present.

THE ONLY SON.

[BY WALTER M. GALLICHAH.]

The Bishop of Hereford, addressing the Cambridge Union Society, said: "One engaged in training air pilots during the war said that he had never known an only son pass the flying test."

Is this a proof that only sons are incapable of passing the test of confronting the difficult realities of life? The kind of "nerve" requisite for adventurous aviation is an innate endowment. Some are born with physical courage, and others are not. Fewer still are endowed with intellectual and moral courage.

Many naturally timid military heroes have compensated for their fear by an extraordinary display of bravery. Some of the world's greatest men and women have won fame through an austere conflict with a sense of inferiority. There is no doubt that the only child is frequently handicapped in the battle of life. The only boy, especially if he is the only child, is frequently coddled by an over-fond mother to such an extent that he is never able to escape the dependence of childhood. Anatole France, recalling his childhood with a dotting mother, exclaimed: "There is no tyranny more heavy than that of maternal love." The "mother's darling" is often intensely conceited and incapable of self-criticism. He provides a problem for his schoolmaster and his employer. More than all, he is intolerable to his wife.

The chief aim in parental education should be to "equip" the child with independence and self-reliance in adult life. The fond mother finds it hard to relax her authority when the youth is approaching manhood, and the relation between parent and child becomes a severe conflict in many cases.

The result of the conflict is often unfortunate. The boy develops a hatred of all forms of authority, or he becomes insatiable in manhood for the "sympathy" of his wife, his family, and his friends. The tragedy is that the over-fond mother is so well intentioned, so solicitous for her son's happiness!—*Daily Press*.

MURDER OF MRS. FORRESTER.

DEATH SENTENCE
PRONOUNCED.

LENIENCY TO SECOND
PRISONER CRITICISED.

At the Shanghai Provisional Court, Shanghai, on Saturday, Judge Li Chang Foo, with whom sat Mr. Burdett, British Consular Officer, passed sentence of death on Nyeoh Kyung-je and ordered Chien Su Ling to serve 16 years' imprisonment in connection with the murder of Mrs. E. T. Forrester on November 2nd at her home, 323 Avenue Huag.

In his remarks upon the judgment, Mr. Burdett said that the police officers concerned in the case were to be commended for their good work. The jury shown to the second accused, a dangerous man as he had proved himself to be, was not wise. The evidence showed that the hawk, the second accused, aided and abetted Nyeoh Kyung-je, the first accused, in robbing Mrs. Forrester, and that he went to the house to obtain the money. While there, he conspired at the murder and afterwards shared the spoils with the murderer and another accomplice.

In his evidence, he gave no reason or satisfactory explanation of his part in what took place, and it would be difficult to see what construction could be placed upon his actions other than that he went to Mrs. Forrester's house for the purpose of assisting in a robbery, and, if need be, prepared to commit a violent assault in order to attain his ends.

With regard to the charge of murder against the second accused, he was found to have been a principal in the second degree; that is, he aided and abetted the main offender in the perpetration of the crime. If, for some reason, it was considered proper to deal leniently with him, it would, therefore, have seemed that the degree of his guilt was somewhat less than that of the first accused. When one considered the present conditions prevailing in Shanghai, together with the extraordinarily savage nature of the murder, and had taken into consideration also the fact that there were no extenuating circumstances whatever concerning the crime of the second accused, Mr. Burdett concluded that he doubted the wisdom of extending mercy to a criminal so ruthless and dangerous to the public.

RUBBER AND MINING MARKET.

Messrs. Caroll Bros. have been advised of the following quotations and dividends on rubber and mining shares:—

Quotations.
Allenbys \$3.30
Glenclyns 3.00
Jimahs 2.75
Malaka Pindas 2.65
Pajams 2.55

Dividends.
Glenclyns.—20 per cent. final.
Indragiris.—10 per cent. final; making 20 per cent.
Kinta Dredges.—5 per cent. interim and 5 per cent. bonus less tax.
Kinta Tin Mines.—5 per cent. interim and 5 per cent. bonus less tax.
Maynard & Co.—10 per cent. final; making 20 per cent.
Pusing.—5 per cent. interim less tax.
Taiping.—5 per cent. 2nd interim.

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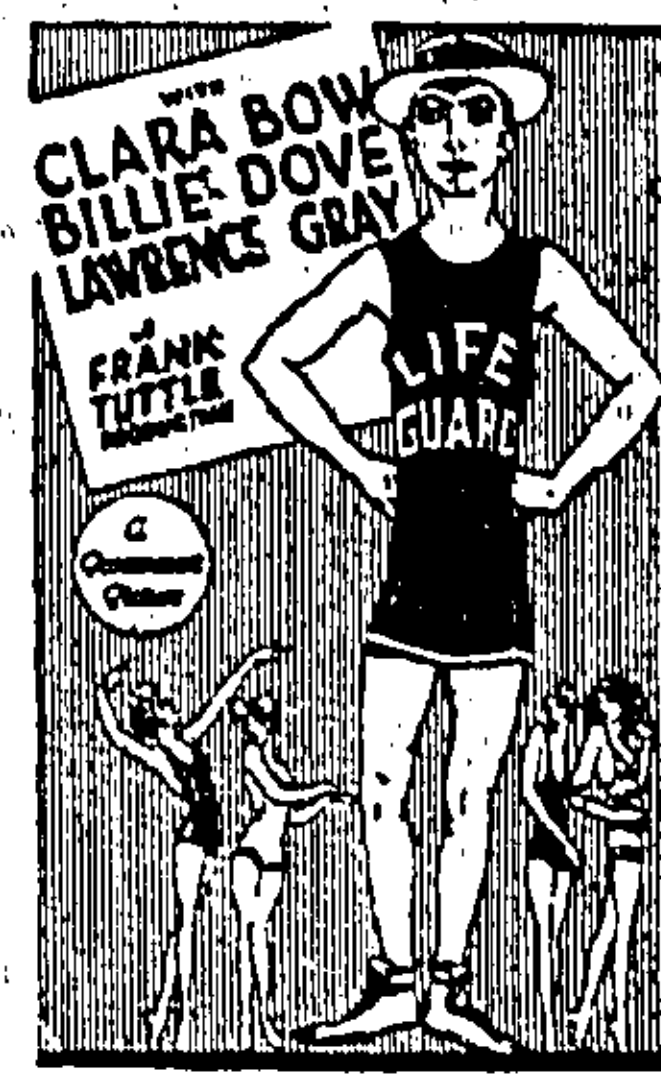
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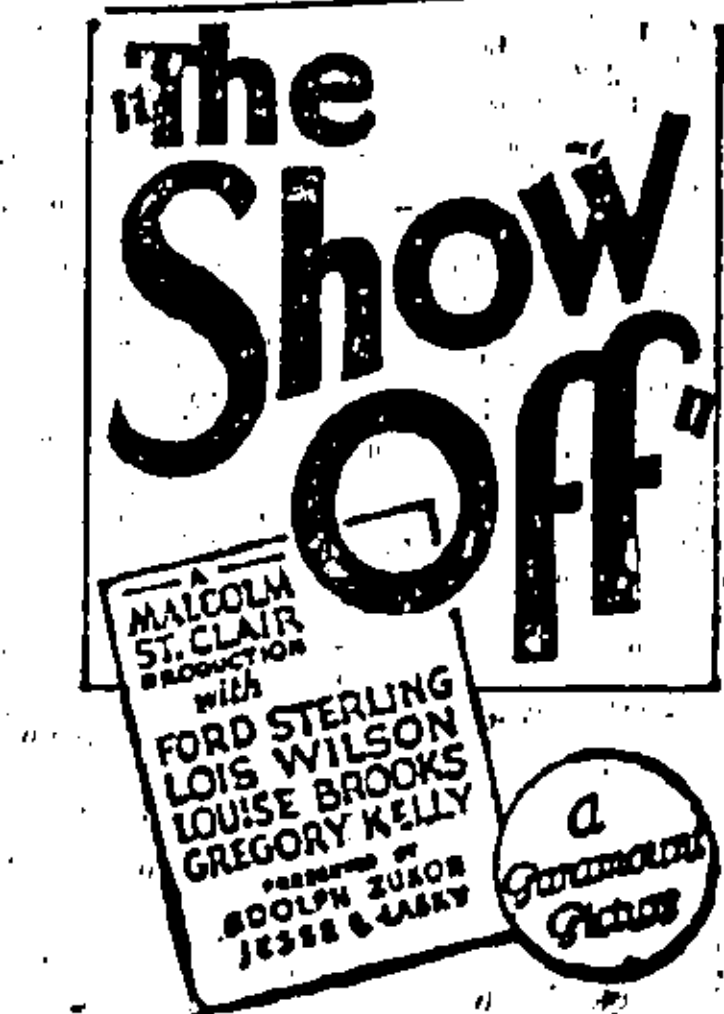


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A five-story building in one of the main streets of Chicago will be burnt down deliberately this week. Suggestions were made by the City Fire Commissioner that three

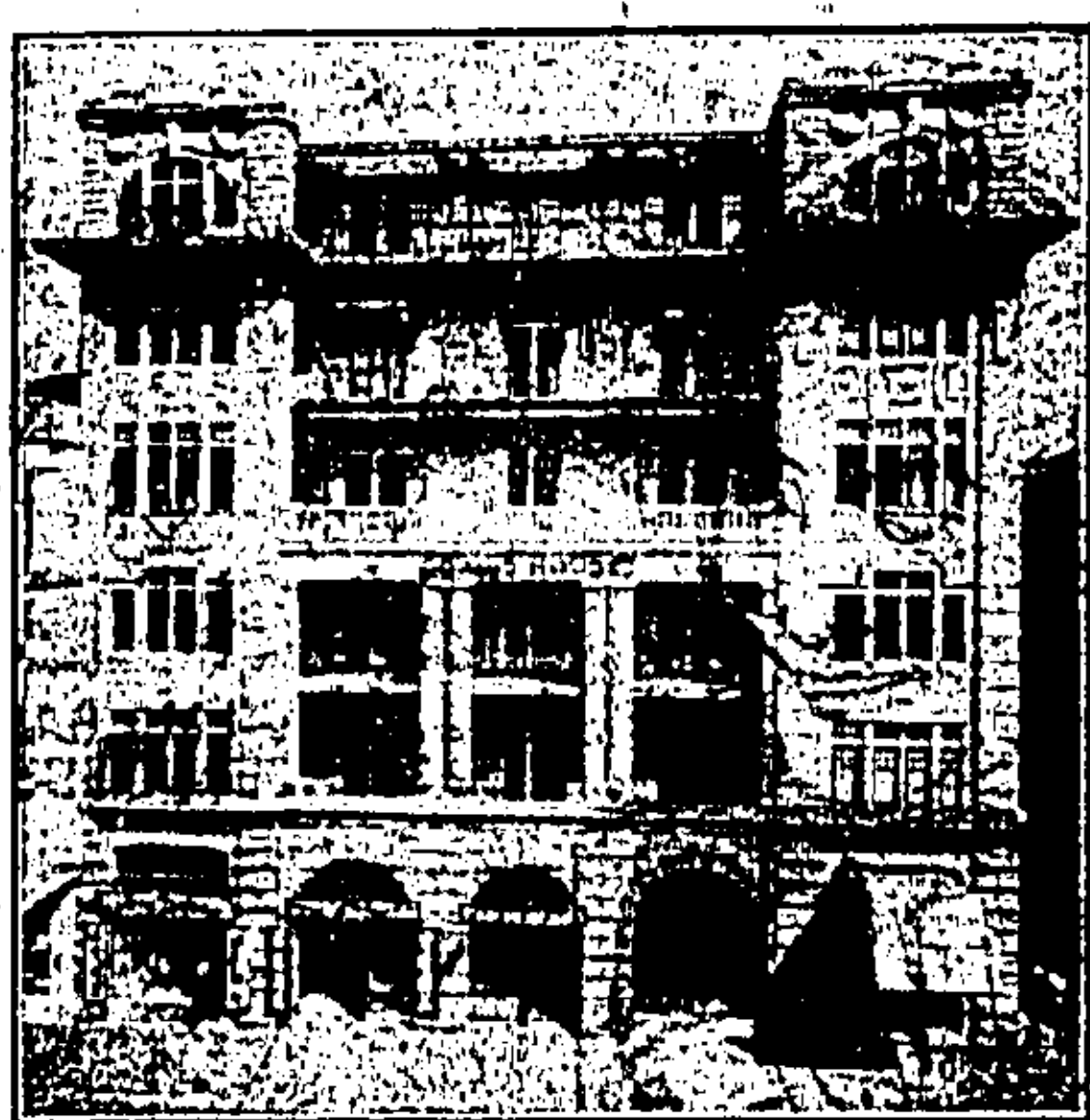
of Chicago's new fire engines should be tried out on an actual fire. The building, which was to have been demolished shortly, was offered immediately by its owners, and preparations are now being made to set it on fire. Seats in windows facing it are fetching as much as 25 each.



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ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

FESTIVITIES AT THE CITY HALL.

TWELFTH NIGHT CELEBRATIONS.

A FEAST OF COLOUR.

Last night was Twelfth Night, and the Society of St. George entertained their friends at the City Hall.

H.E. the Governor had consented to be present, but owing to the indisposition of Lady Clementi was unable to attend. The President expressed his regrets for this, and his wishes for her ladyship's speedy recovery.

This is the first Ball which the St. George's Society has given since 1924, and the success of last night's function should ensure that it becomes quite definitely an annual affair.

Last night the Ball of the Society of St. George was held in the City Hall, in a blaze of happiness. From the figure of St. George at the head of the stairs to the red-rose banners and the arms of England's most famous cities everything carried one's thoughts back to home, and everywhere was a mass of green and flowers which so essentially an English form of decoration.

Both St. George's and St. Andrew's Halls were set apart for dancing, and large though they are, they were crowded for every item. On the few occasions when the floors were unoccupied, the halls looked very fine indeed, with the banners and red and white bunting gleaming across the polished floor.

Pretty Dresses.

The Decorations Committee had done their work well, and members and guests also played their part. Roses and flagged coats of arms served admirably as a background to the many lovely dresses of the ladies, the bright uniforms of the Forces and the saider black and white of conventional evening dress. It was a wonderful scene beneath the light of many rosette-shaded lamps, a scene full of changing colour and enjoyment.

Sitting Out.

The long stretch of veranda around the hall had been covered in, and made very welcome sitting-out places. The night felt cold enough on the way to the Ball, but after a very few dances the cool freshness of these places became very popular.

The Supper Room.

The theatre was set as the supper room with a table for the official party on the stage. It was Merrie England indeed with tables under the trees, a river running behind and flowers, masses of flowers, all around. An idyllic picture, but very effective.

President's Welcome.

At the first supper, Mr. Alabaster, the President, rose to propose the Toast of St. George and England. He voiced the regrets of himself and the company for the unfortunate indisposition of Lady Clementi, which prevented H.E. the Governor from being present that night, and expressed every wish for her ladyship's speedy recovery.

"To-night," he said, "is Twelfth Night. This night throughout the ages has been sacred to hospitality among Englishmen. We are always glad to keep up these old traditions, and on this day especially we are glad to welcome our friends and entertain them."

"Ye Olde Red Lion."

"Ye Olde Red Lion" downstairs did a "roaring" trade, though here alone was there a hint rather of St. Andrew than St. George. Still, St. George was literally in the picture, pointing to one dragon which exclaimed at one breath "Prohibition." "Anti-Smoking." "Anti-Gambling." The Red Lion himself was all that a red lion on an inn should be. Shaped like no known beast, and in an impossibly heraldic position, he was obviously fitted for his post. Such lions are always hospitable. Behind the bar of this hostelry were set card-tables, hidden in alcoves formed by the book-cases of the library.

Devoted Bands!

The labours of secretaries and committees are apt to pass unacknowledged, but special praise is due to Mr. S. T. Butlin and his helpers, whose names appear below. Their labours were unseen, but must have been herculean. Such success does not come without much hard and thoughtful work. Mention must also be made of Art Smith and his Musicians, who added much to the success of the evening by their excellent and untiring efforts.

General Committee.

The following are the members of the General Committee:—Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E. (President), Lt. Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O. (Vice-President), Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock, K.C. (Past President), Mr. H. B. Hancock (Past President), Mr. S. T. Butlin (Hon. Secretary).

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Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (Past President), Dr. G. M. Harston (Past President), Mr. W. A. Dowley (Past President), Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shen, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Messrs. L. C. F. Bellamy, P. E. Cassidy, E. B. C. Hornell, R. E. Lindell, J. H. Ramsay, E. Cook, W. J. Eldridge, F. A. Wells, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, T. E. Pearce, C. P. Marshall (Hon. Treasurer) and S. T. Butlin (Hon. Secretary).

Official Lancer Sets.

The President's set comprised:—The President and Lady Tyrwhitt, H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard and Mrs. Alabaster, H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir R. Y. Tyrwhitt and Mrs. Pearson, Commodore Pearson and Mrs. Luard, Vice-President's set:—Lt. Col. L. G. Bird and Mrs. Wood, Sir Henry Gollan and Mrs. Wolfe, Hon. Mr. Hallifax and Mrs. Wolfe, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe and Lady Victoria Feilding.

Official Supper Party.

At the President's table were:—The President and Lady Tyrwhitt, H.E. Maj.-Gen. C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., and Mrs. Alabaster, The Vice-President and Mrs. Luard, H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir R. Y. Tyrwhitt, Bt., K.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L., and Mrs. Pearson, Sir Henry Pollock and Mrs. Bird, Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., and Lady Victoria Feilding, Sir H. C. Gollan, Kt., C.B.E., and Mrs. Wood, The Chieftain of St. Andrew's Society and Mrs. Lewis, The President of St. David's Society and Mrs. Templeton, Hon. Mr. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E., and Lady Chyne, Mr. W. A. Dowley and Mrs. Hynes, Hon. Sir Shouson Chow and Mrs. Wolfe, His Honour Mr. Justice Wood and Mrs. Conyn, Sir Victor Mackenzie, Bt., M.V.O., D.S.O., and Mrs. Shenton, Hon. Mr. Hynes and Mrs. Hancock, Hon. Mr. Shenton and Mrs. Jackson, Hon. Mr. Wolfe and Mrs. Owen Hughes, Mr. H. B. Hancock and Mrs. Harston, Dr. G. M. Harston and Mrs. Dowbiggin, Hon. Mr. C. Mel. Messer and Mrs. Cook, Mr. F. A. Perry and Mrs. Marcell, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin and Mrs. Lindell, Mr. E. Pearce and Mrs. S. Baker, Mr. W. W. Hornell and Mrs. Wells, Mr. S. T. Butlin and Miss Johnson.

Sub-Committees.

INVITATION AND RECEPTION.—Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E. (Chairman), Lt. Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock, K.C., Mr. H. B. Hancock, Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Dr. G. M. Harston, Mr. W. A. Dowley, and Mr. E. B. C. Hornell.

DECORATION.—Mr. E. Cook (Chairman), Lt. Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Mr. W. A. Cornell, Comdr. Newell, and Mr. G. H. M. Bannerman.

MUSIC AND DANCING.—Mr. W. A. Dowley (Chairman), Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. G. Grimble, and Mr. J. H. Ramsay.

CLOAK ROOM.—Dr. G. Montague Harston (Chairman), Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. R. E. Lindell, Mr. F. A. Wells, and Mr. J. Bentley.

CARD ROOM.—Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy (Chairman), Mr. H. C. Resker, Mr. F. S. Cassidy, and Mr. E. J. Edwards.

WINE AND SUPPER.—Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenon (Chairman), Mr. W. T. Pearce, Mr. W. J. Eldridge, Mr. V. C. Latham, Mr. G. B. Labrum, Mr. J. P. Robinson, Mr. D. Sherman, and Mr. W. F. Hoyle.

THE DANCE PROGRAMME.
Extras—Just Once Again, One Clock Baby.
Lancers—The Goodfellers.
Waltz—What Does It Matter?
Foxtrot—You Know I Love You.
Foxtrot—Kiss and Make Up.
Foxtrot—In The Middle of the Night.
Foxtrot—Can't Forget You.
One Step—Rosa Lee.
Foxtrot—Go Home and Tell Your Mother.

First Supper, 11.15 p.m.—
Foxtrot—A Lane in Spain.
Foxtrot—Moonlit Waters.
Waltz—Log Cabin Lullaby.
Foxtrot—Ain't She Sweet.
Foxtrot—Myrtle Chords.

Second Supper:—
One Step—Collette.
Foxtrot—Oh, Doris.
Waltz—Charmaine.
Foxtrot—Sailing On.

Third Supper:—
Foxtrot—As Long as I Have You.
Foxtrot—Melody in My Shadow.
Waltz—Melody in My Shadow.
Foxtrot—Wide Open Spaces.
Foxtrot—Birth of the Blues.

MOTOR VESSEL

SUED!

ITS OWNER THE "CHINESE GOVERNMENT."

DIRECTOR OF PRATA'S METEOROLOGICAL STATION IN DIFFICULTIES.

Complications arising out of the authority claimed by the many and short lived "Governments" of China were exemplified in a case heard yesterday at the Supreme Court by the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, sitting in Admiralty jurisdiction.

A Chinese official, the former Director of the meteorological station of the Pratas, alleges that he is owed certain money by the Peking Government, dissolved by Chang Tso Lin. Unfortunately he has not brought sufficient vouchers to elicit his claim. A motor launch belonging to the Chinese Government is in Hong Kong harbour and plaintiff names it as defendant, asking that it should be sold and his debt paid. The Chinese Coastguard Department, a rather mysterious quantity, is defending the action.

Judge and counsel admitted that the matter was all very difficult, and their expressions certainly suggested that this was certainly the case.

According to the pleadings Ching Wen Hsu, living at the Tung Shan Hotel, Connaught Road West, sued the motor vessel *Julian*, at present lying in Yaumatei Typhoon Shelter, for \$6,147.50, being the price of necessities supplied to the vessel between the months of January and March last year.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., instructed by Mr. Gordon Leach is for the plaintiff, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. Hugh Jones, is defending. During the hearing of the case, in reply to his Lordship, Mr. Jenkin said he was appearing for the National Coastguard Administration Department of the Chinese Government.

At the beginning his Lordship said he had received a letter from the Colonial Secretary, representing the Government, stating that the ship was a public one, which raised the question of jurisdiction. Mr. Alabaster replied that if the ship belonged to a Government which was recognised as a Sovereign State then his Lordship would not be able to exercise jurisdiction.

In reply to his Lordship, Mr. Alabaster stated that in January, last year, the plaintiff was the director of the Chinese Meteorological Station at the Pratas, and he purchased the vessel from a Japanese licensee. In March, a representative of one of the Revolutionary Armies came and took possession of the station. Plaintiff's accounts were not settled, so the action had been brought against the ship. They did not know to whom the ship belonged. If the ship was claimed by a recognised Government, they would know where they stood.

His Lordship remarked that they had a letter from the Hong Kong Government definitely stating that the ship was a public one belonging to the State of China. "Am I to go into the question as to what the State of China is and am I not bound by this letter?" asked his Lordship.

Mr. Alabaster replied that his Lordship would have to decide whether the State of China was being sued and then he would have to consider the question of jurisdiction. If they chose the State of China need not take part in the action. They had been given numerous opportunities of moving for the setting aside of the case on the grounds that it was a public ship.

His Lordship intimated that he would take the evidence and consider the point. Mr. Alabaster, referring to the claim, said \$3,500 was for reconstruction, \$7.50 for small furniture, and \$33.33 for fittings and equipment. Other items were wages for the crew, captain's wages and hotel charges and also loans to the captain in regard to wages.

Giving evidence plaintiff said that he was appointed Director of the Pratas Station some time previous to January last year. As such he required the motor vessel, which he bought from a man acting under the licence. The licence for a period of five years was \$80,000. An arrangement for purchase was come to by means of which \$30,000, less six per cent., was paid of that licence and the boat was handed over and became the property of the station.

His Lordship:—That is the property of the Chinese Government? Mr. Alabaster:—Or whoever it belonged to at the moment.

Plaintiff was appointed by the Peking Government in July, 1926, and in January, last year, there was no Peking Government. His Lordship:—That is rather a sweeping statement.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

"COMPANIONATE" MARRIAGES.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

"Sir,—Your article on the above subject concludes with the following sentence:—'and America is to be commended if the Kansas example be followed and the young people given a chance.'"

One at least of your readers strongly objects to and protests against the propagation of such pernicious doctrine. Young people are given much too much of "a chance" and in far too many directions nowadays, and only in such a country as the United States would this so-called "companionate marriage" be regarded seriously for a moment. It is unwholesome at the core.

Marriage, even in America, should be regarded as of supreme importance to the State, and when it is not so regarded it is harmful alike to the State and to the individual. The appalling laxity of the marriage laws of the United States is doubtless owing to the equally appalling laxity of many other things there where young persons, more than anywhere else on the earth's surface are allowed a freedom altogether harmful to themselves and to all concerned.

This Kansas "experiment" is merely one more piece of evidence as to the pandering of American parents to the neurotic wishes of their offspring. A country's stability and wholesomeness, its true dignity and worth, very largely depend upon the soundness of its marriage laws.—Yours, etc., D.

Hong Kong, Jan. 6th, 1928.

Plaintiff: The Chief Executive in Peking left and the military took control. The Navy Department was dissolved and continued as Director of the Pratas Station until March.

He was visited by a Mr. Ho, representing the Nationalist Government, who arrived in April last year with order to hand over all accounts, etc. The orders also stated that another Chinese had been appointed to the station. Plaintiff accordingly handed over the documents and the ship to Mr. Ho.

Plaintiff received a notification stating that funds were exhausted and his accounts would be settled at a later date. In reply to Mr. Jenkin, plaintiff stated that prior to January, 1927, it had been the custom for the Peking Government to remit money to him at Pratas for the purpose of carrying on the work. That was sent through the Coastguard at Shanghai as agents for the Government. He had collected certain revenues at the Pratas, but the receipts never exceeded the expenditure. The deficit was made by remittances from the Peking Government periodically.

At the end of December, 1926, the sum of \$113,140.31 was due to plaintiff. The amount was reduced by a remittance of over \$8,000 from Shanghai which must have come from Peking and a transfer of \$1,978.50 from the Maritime Customs in Hong Kong.

CURIOUS BOOK KEEPING. During the afternoon, the plaintiff was closely cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin, who pressed him as to whether money paid into the bank was his own, or whether it belonged to the Chinese Government.

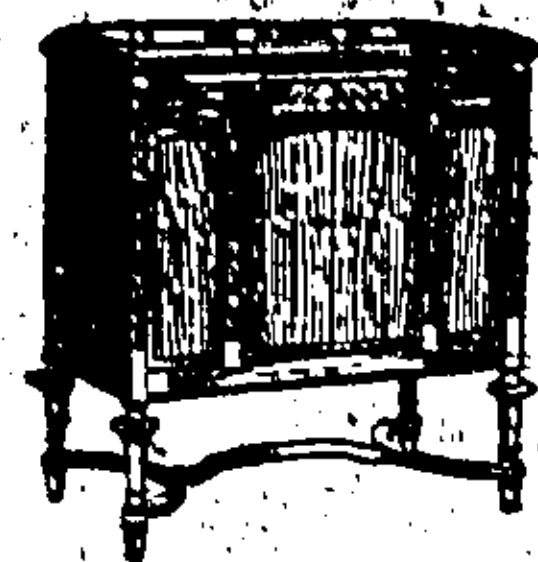
The evidence tendered by plaintiff was most confusing. While claiming that there was over \$6,000 due to him from amounts shown, he stated that it was extremely difficult to explain how he arrived at this figure, as he had expended certain sums from time to time and these were included in various accounts.

Plaintiff stated that as money was required he had paid it out, and when money had come in he had paid it into the one account. Some of the money paid in was his own, which he had again expended, thinking he would be refunded from the authorities. Out of \$13,000 shown in one Bank account, over \$6,000 stood for money paid out of his own pocket.

Mr. Jenkin addressing the Court claimed that there was uncertainty as to whether plaintiff had actually paid this money. They had only his word for it, and it was unsupported by any documentary evidence. He submitted that plaintiff had failed to make out his case.

Mr. Alabaster replied, and claimed that his client had established that he had spent certain whistles out of his own account, but it was not possible to prove the exact amounts by documentary evidence as plaintiff was unable to obtain the necessary vouchers and account books to show his actual disbursements.

His Lordship said the evidence was so confusing that he would have to take time to consider the case. He therefore reserved his judgment.



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HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 31ST.

Flu.

Alexandria (1 death).
Batavia (13 deaths).
Bombay (3 deaths).
Rangoon (3 deaths).
1 case at Macassar (1 death).

Cholera.

Calcutta (34 deaths).
Negapatam (1 death).
Rangoon (1 death).
Singapore (13 deaths).
3 cases at Bangkok (1 death).

Small-pox.

2 cases at Basrah (1 death).
4 cases at Bombay.
17 cases at Calcutta (17 deaths).
23 cases at Rangoon (13 deaths).
1 case at Pondicherry (1 death).
1 case at Belkwa (1 death).
1 case at Surabaya.
1 case at Saigon.
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PUBLIC CONFIDENCE RETURNING.

CANTON CINEMAS AND DANCE HALLS OPEN.

ONLY RUMOURS FROM THE FRONT.

CHIANG KAI SHEK NOT WANTED BACK.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, January 6th.

Canton is gradually resuming its normal appearance, and at night quite a number of people are to be seen on the Bund. The return of public confidence is also shown by the reopening of the cinemas and dance halls.

The City is still plastered with slogans either against or supporting one party or another. Everyone is sick of the warring groups but the great fear is that the Chiang Kai Shek and Wang Ching Wei Party may return and begin the old game of shooting down rival labour agitators and political opponents. Every change of administrative leaves unemployed officials and dismissed soldiers to join the ranks of the bandits and other disturbers of the peace. The 16 years of Republican "government" have produced an idle army hoping, each member of it, to occupy again some lucrative civil or military post.

On January 1st, a well-known hotel in Canton had only a few rooms occupied, but two days later, every room in the building was taken owing to the influx of office seekers.

Two of the largest office buildings in the City cannot be used. They have been so damaged by strikers that they must be extensively repaired before they can possibly be again. They may be taken over again for military headquarters which is the best chance of seeing anything done to them.

WAR RUMOURS.

An unofficial report states that the Kwangsi Army has captured six shipments of arms and ammunition intended for the Kwangtung forces. It is also claimed that the 4th Army Corps (Kwangtung) evacuated Waichow City on January 4th, and that the Kwangsi leader, General Hsu Ching-fang, occupied the town on Thursday.

The *Hsin Kwa* *Shan Pao* of Canton recently reported the arrival of more than 30,000 troops at Sunkai, Northern Kwangtung, but this report had since been denied. The rumour gained currency in Hong Kong.

THE GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. Lam Wai Koi has been re-appointed Chief Commissioner or Mayor of Canton City. This will mean a reorganization of the executive commissions. Another interesting appointment, Mr. Li Tai Hsin, is that of Mr. Lo Wen Jong, a Hong Kong resident many years ago, as Chief Justice of the Canton High Court. With the re-establishment of the High Court the Court of Appeal will be abolished. Mr. Lo will assume office on January 7th.

There is not only chaos in the Canton currency, but also in official appointments. The other day an official was sent at noon to the Opium Sale Bureau but was dismissed at one o'clock. This gave some embarrassment to the guests at tea assembled to congratulate him on his assumption of office.

SURTAX FOR RELIEF WORK.

By order of the Political Commission in Canton, which now consists of General Li Tai Hsin, General Wong Shih Hung, Commander Chan Chak, Canton Navy, and Mr. Lam Wen Koi, there will be a surtax of 10 per cent. on Customs for relief work. The Bureau of Gambling, Stamp Tax, Opium, Wine, and Tobacco will also levy a surtax for the same purpose. Up to the present there is still no definite programme of relief. Investigation of a sort, into losses is being carried out by more than one organization, but there have been no reports or reliable estimates of the damage. Some funds have been collected from abroad for relief purposes but nothing has been done to benefit the sufferers most of whom do not need immediate relief. What they do need, is for a public authority to clear to debris a more stable form of government, a better currency, and some encouragement to bankers to advance money at reasonable rates.

NO FANTAN HOUSES.

Canton is in need of money, but there is no intention of reopening gambling—*fantan* for revenue purposes. No leading gambler will, it is thought, make any bid for the monopoly of *fantan*, in view of the present unsettled conditions. Moreover, *fantan* gambling houses will

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GUNMEN AND POLICE.

WESTERN MARKET SHOOTING AFFRAY.

INDIAN CONSTABLE'S EVIDENCE.

The case was continued yesterday before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy in which a Chinese is accused of being one of the four Chinese gunmen who robbed a Chinese restaurant, and on encountering a police posse on search duty, produced their revolvers and fired point blank at the police. In the fight which ensued, Sgt. McMahon was dangerously wounded and two Chinese constables received fatal injuries. One Indian constable was also wounded.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted. The defendant was unrepresented.

After further evidence had been taken from the restaurant which identified the defendant, Indian constable No. 523 was called into the box.

Giving his name as Abdullah, the constable said that he was one of Sgt. McMahon's party on search duty that night. At about 2.30 a.m. they were standing at the junction of Bonham Strand and Wing Lok Street, on the western side of the fruit market. There were six of them, spread out to intercept passers-by. Witness was about 10 yards away from Sgt. McMahon, when he saw four Chinese coming along.

"You Must Be Joking."

Witness called out to them to stop, and the defendant said "Constable, you must be joking."

Witness shouted that he wanted to search them, whereupon two of the Chinese gave chase and after running a few yards caught hold of the defendant. At the same time Chinese constable No. 148 closed up and loudly asked the defendant why he had run away. As this was said the defendant, who had his right arm free, fired at the Chinese constable.

Mr. Lindsell: Was constable No. 148 shot?

Mr. Whyte-Smith: We believe that that shot had no effect. It went wide.

Witness, continuing, said that after the shot was fired, another Indian constable came to his assistance and between them, they disarmed the defendant, and the revolver was found to be fully loaded, with the exception of the shot fired at Chinese constable No. 148.

It was about this time, that the other robber returned and fired another shot at No. 148. Sgt. McMahon returned the fire, but the other two gunmen came up from behind and fired at Sgt. McMahon, who fell.

The defendant when asked if he had any questions to put to witness, replied that he had none and admitted that all what the witness had said was true.

The case was adjourned until 11.30 on Tuesday.

usually provide a rendezvous for "Reds."

The Central Bank of China has not yet been able to resume business owing to lack of specie. Yesterday money changers were giving 70 per cent. of the face value of the notes. Liver traffic has only been partly restored owing to the prevalence of piracy, and unless the Canton authorities can use the patrol boats for police work instead of war service, the shipping interest will continue to suffer.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

FULL SERVICE TO-DAY.

Beginning from to-day the Kowloon-Canton Railway is resuming its full service. The first express will leave here at 8.05 a.m. and the second express will leave here at 2.15 p.m.

COALITION AGAINST CHIANG KAI SHEK.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

Canton, Jan. 5th.

General Li Tai Hsin has returned here.

It is reported that it is the intention of the Provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi to join with Hupoh and Hunan to oppose Chiang Kai Shek and the National Party, and that Kwangtung currency will be used in these provinces.

MORE COMMUNIST TERRORISM.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

Swatow, Jan. 5th.

The Communists are again very active in the Tai Sami Inlet, between Swatow and Swabue. Many Christian Chinese are reported to have been executed during the past week.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS.

EUROPEAN MISSIONARIES ROBBED.

CHRISTMAS EVE INCIDENT.

The method by which a Chinese entered Nos. 13 and 14, Sai Kung Road, Kowloon City, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Grant, of the Penial Missionary Society, and carried out a robbery while they were out visiting fellow missionaries in Yau-mat on Christmas Eve was described before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when the alleged culprit, was charged with robbery.

Inspector Fallon said that an amah was left in charge of the house and at 6.30 p.m. hearing a knock at the front door, she inquired who was outside.

The amah received the reply: "I have come to get a Bible. I have been instructed by Mrs. Grant to get it. She said that it was very important, as she wanted to teach some children to sing."

The amah replied that she had received orders not to admit anybody to the house, but, after some argument, the servant opened the door and admitted the man.

On entering the house, he told the amah that the Bible had been left on the piano. The book was not there and while the amah looked for it the man stood behind her the whole time.

Whilst searching a drawer, the man threw a towel over the amah's head and in a subsequent struggle the woman was overpowered. The man then took a \$10 note which he saw in one of the drawers during the search and made his escape.

The police arrested the defendant the next day when he was pointed out by a neighbour as the man seen loitering about the mission on the day of the robbery. The Inspector added that defendant was picked out by the amah at an identification parade, and further that Mr. Grant had recognized him as the man he had occasion to drive away for loitering about near the house. The case was adjourned.

THE GAS THEFT CASE.

An application for mitigation of the sentence of four weeks' hard labour recently passed on A. A. Remedios for defrauding his former employers, the Hong Kong and China Gas Company, was made by Mr. Leo d'Almada before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. d'Almada said he was not asking for a rehearing, but for reasons which he had stated to His Worship in Chambers, he would like to make an application on Monday providing his Worship would permit Remedios out on bail.

Mr. Lindsell: You are asking me to grant an application for a remand out of goal to see if defendant would take such action as would induce the complainants to ask me to mitigate the sentence I have imposed?

Mr. d'Almada indicated that that was the position and should the defendant be able to give the Company the information they desired, Mr. d'Almada would personally take him to the Company for such purpose.

His Worship remanded Remedios until Monday in police custody, granting bail of \$250.

HEAVY SENTENCES FOR ARMS SMUGGLERS.

Two Chinese were charged before Major C. Wilson and Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with having in their possession arms and ammunition without a permit from the Captain Superintendent of Police. In both cases the men were found guilty and sentences of one year and three years' hard labour were imposed.

The first defendant, who was arrested on board the *Empress of Russia*, had 4 Luger pistols, two revolvers, 10 magazines and 1,350 rounds of ammunition. He was defended by Mr. A. E. Hall.

A plea of guilty was entered and Mr. Hall said that the defendant was a passenger from Vancouver. His intention was to take the arms and ammunition back to his home in Kowloon, but before he could embark on a Kowloon boat, he was arrested. In view of the fact that the arms and ammunition were not meant to be imported into the Colony, he would ask his Lordships to be lenient.

Defendant was sentenced to one year's hard labour and the arms and ammunition were ordered to be confiscated.

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"KID BOOTS."

LAUGHTER AT THE QUEEN'S.

"THE GLOBE TROTTERS" FOR THE STAR.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

Peals of children's laughter were to be heard even in the lobby of the Queen's during the showing of "Kid Boots" and the really excellent little farce which proceeds it called "Fighting Fathers." "Kid Boots" is a calow tailor's assistant who joins forces with a young man of fashion trying to be rid of his bride. From the moment when the Kid sells an ill-fitting suit to a customer of the strong silent order until the absurd scene in which he is married, running hand in hand with his bride after the judge's motor-car, the action is swift and amusing. There are pretty girls galore, and the backgrounds against which they move are as charming. Discrete undress seems to be a necessary concomitant of comedy of this order and the adventures of the bathing girls and Kid Boots supply the right amount.

There is in addition some really excellent stunt work when Eddie Cantor as "Kid Boots," Clara Bow as his lover and the villain of the piece hang together by a rope over a dizzy precipice. The rope parts and they parachute down to earth. The gallop along the mountain path where lions are apt to appear at inconvenient moments is full of thrills.

Tom Sterling the secondary hero is played by that good looking boy Lawrence Gray; his first and unwanted wife by Natalie Kingston who is certainly very lovely; and the second Mrs. Sterling by Billie Dove who is as charming as actress can be. Their good looks add a pleasing seasoning to trips, tumbles, and ridiculous situations.

"The Globe Trotters," Owing to unavoidable circumstances the opening date of the "Globe Trotters" season at the Star has been postponed to Tuesday, January 8th. The order of the revue remains unaltered. Booking is at Messrs. Moutrie's and the Star Theatre.

"Beau Geste."

"Beau Geste" will not be shown at the Queen's next week on Tuesday and Wednesday as was previously announced. Instead "La Bohème" will be screened. "La Bohème" makes a very charming film and Lilian Gish a perfect Mimi. The film is being revived in response to many requests.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

Queen's: "Kid Boots." World: "The Eagle" and "Canton under the Red." Star: "The Show Off" a story of big bluff with Ford Sterling, Lois Wilson and Louise Brooks.

The other defendant was found to be in possession of 1 revolver, 2 automatic pistols, 1 magazine and 3 clips on board the s.s. *Chenococcus*. Mr. D. McCallum appeared for the defence.

In pleading guilty to the charge of possession, Mr. McCallum said that the defendant was a boatman who went on board the *Chenococcus* to look for business. He was accosted by a man who asked him to take the arms and ammunition ashore. The defendant was promised \$5 for each weapon landed. The man was foolish and ignorant enough to do so. He had made no attempts to conceal the weapons, having only tucked them away in his girdle.

Sentence of three years' hard labour was imposed.

THEFT OF ELECTRIC WIRE

Three Chinese were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday with the theft of a quantity of copper wire, the property of the Hong Kong Electric Company.

Mr. G. Bailey, an electrical engineer of the Company, stated that the first defendant was a linesman and the other two were plasterers. They were all employed in replacing wires in Catechick Street. Regarding the copper wire, witness said that the defendants had removed the rubber insulation. The wire cost \$125.

The first defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour, the second to six weeks, and discharged the third man, there being no evidence to warrant a conviction.

LIME WASHING REGULATIONS.

COMPLAINTS FROM CHINESE.

HEATED DISCUSSION AT CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Several letters complaining of the method employed by the Sanitary Board in white-washing houses in the Colony were read yesterday at the monthly meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce. There was rather a heated discussion in which Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, a Chinese member of the Sanitary Board, said, in effect, that he would only take the matter up if the complainants could give him full details of their troubles, and he also wanted suggestions for remedies.

The letters alleged that the Sanitary Board's charges for white-washing a flat are far in excess of what is being asked by private concerns. It was mentioned that the Sanitary Board levied \$3.80 for a flat, while others could do it for \$2.50 and in some cases \$2.20. Where the Board provides two coatings of lime, outside concerns would provide three and at a much lower charge.

Tenants Suffer.

Another matter complained of was that whenever a landlord had his buildings white-washed by private lime-washers, his tenants would be made to suffer. The Board would complain that the washing was not properly done, and order it to be done all over again. It was also alleged that the Sanitary Inspector in charge would not visit the house immediately it had been white-washed, but would wait about ten to fifteen days before doing so, with the result that the kitchen was bound to get dirty before he arrived.

The letters further complained that the Sanitary Board Inspectors do not take into consideration that in Chinese houses, fire-wood is burnt for fuel and in ten to fifteen days, the kitchen was bound to be blackened by smoke and soot.

Damage To Property.

The chief objection to white-washing as done by the Board was that the workmen carried out their job in a most haphazard manner entailing much damage done to property and loss of valuable time and business to small shops. Several letters asked the Chamber to suggest to the two Chinese members of the Sanitary Board that the matter be thoroughly thrashed out at the next Sanitary Board meeting and to see if permission could be obtained from the Board to allow landlords to do their own lime-washing.

Mr. Yau Tsun, Chairman of the Chamber, in putting the matter to the meeting, said that the matter was of great importance to landlords as well as to tenants and that it should be duly represented to the Sanitary Board.

Investigation Advocated.

Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, who was present, said that while he would be pleased to bring the matter before the Sanitary Board, he could not do so unless a thorough investigation had been made, and sufficient proof obtained of these allegations. It would be necessary for him to have all details and also proposals as to how the landlords and tenants would do their own lime-washing. It would be no use for him to say that such and such a method was unsuitable, unless he could suggest a better way to do it.

This provoked some heated criticism to which Mr. Wong replied that lime-washing had been in force in the Colony for a number of years and that it was very surprising that no complaints had been made before.

Spray Objected To.

Mr. Ho Yu asked Mr. Wong whether he knew that the Government began to use the spray method this year, and this spraying of lime on the wall caused a lot of damage.

The matter concluded with the Chairman of the Chamber promising to supply Mr. Wong with all the necessary details.

Water Restrictions.

Questions were also asked as to why the Government should restrict the use of water. The Chairman replied that he had already spoken to the Water Authorities on this subject and it was pointed out to him that the measure was a precautionary one. His attention was also drawn to the fact that until the Government laid a main to get water from the new territory, or until a new reservoir was built at Aberdeen, water restrictions must be enforced from time to time.

Another member asked that someone should see that the responsible officials do actually open rider mains for two hours a day. Although that was the order, he complained that they do not get two hours' supply. He was of opinion that the public only get about one and a half hours

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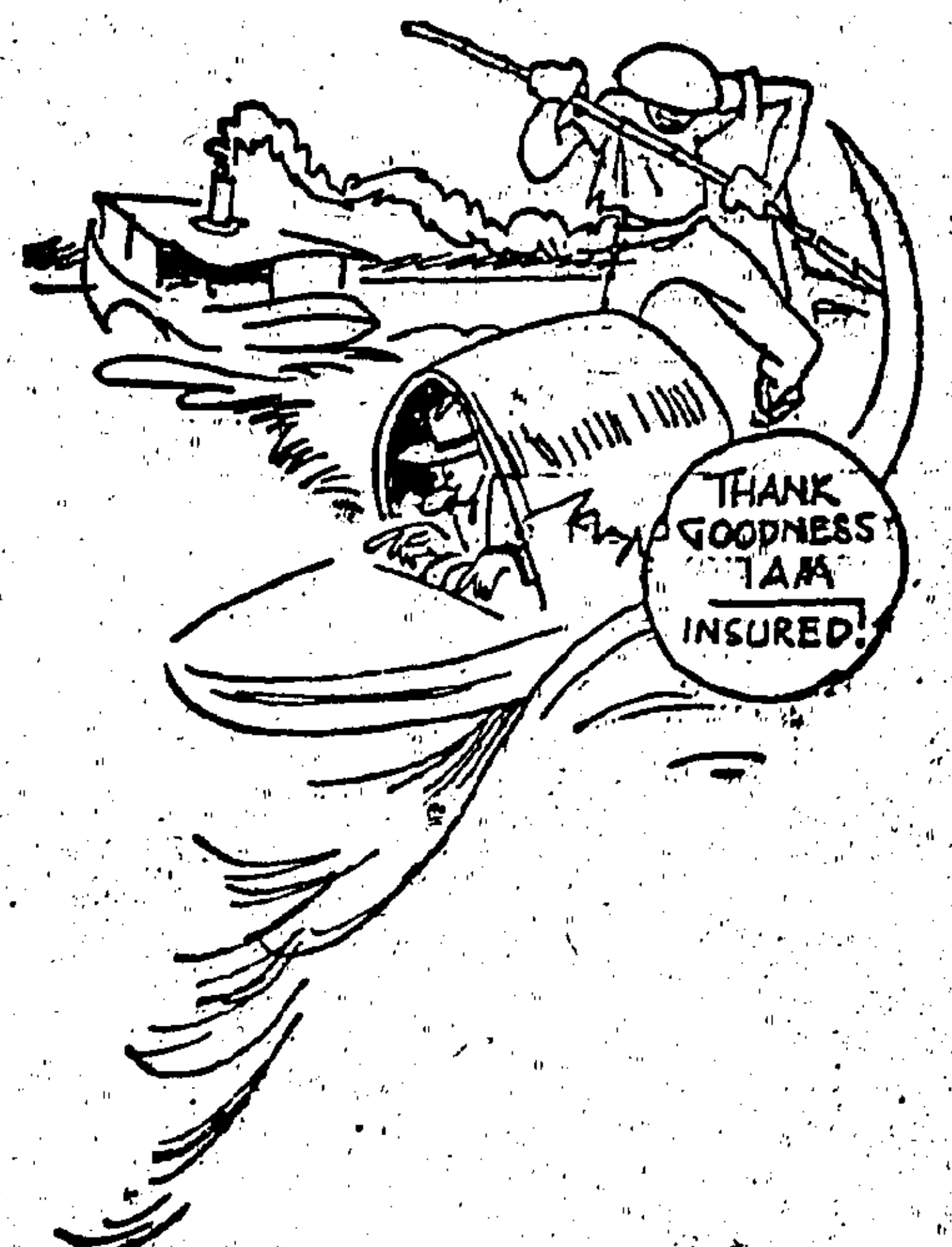
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supply a day, and that inflicted great hardship to those living on third floors.

Police Searches.

A letter was also read from a Chinese who complained of the rough treatment meted out to him by a posse of police on search duty at Jardine Bazaar. He stated that when he was held up to be searched, he was assaulted and that after the police had examined him and found nothing, he was dismissed with a kick.

Other Matters.

Other matters that came up for discussion related to a sum of over \$13,000, sent by the Singapore Chamber for the relief of the poor at Canton. This money was sent to the Canton Chamber, and with it, rice and cheap clothing were bought for those in need of help. It was also mentioned that large consignments of rice are being shipped from Hong Kong to Canton daily. The people there are hard hit by the depreciation of the Central Bank of China notes.

"LEFT WING" MEMBERS OF KUOMINTANG TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.

WANG CHING WEI AND HIS SUPPORTERS
FORMALLY BANNED.

COURT OF IMPEACHMENT AT WORK.

MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED IN SHANGHAI NATIVE CITY AND WOOSUNG AREA.

The forthcoming Kuomintang Conference at Nanking should, barring one of the many little incidents that so easily occur in Chinese politics, materialise shortly in spite of the fact that Marshal Chiang Kai Shek is by no means the hero he once was in the eyes of the Kuomintang. In fact, there is a gradually strengthening opposition appearing in certain quarters to Chiang's assumption of leadership.

While several of the "Left Wing," or extreme section of the Party, will be present at the Conference, Mr. Wang Ching Wei and those who were closely identified with him in Hankow, Canton and Shanghai, will along with Wang Ching Wei himself, be rigorously excluded from participation. Though it is well-known that Mr. Wang is now well on his way to Europe, there is still strong opposition to him, as is evident by the action just taken by the Court of Impeachment. It would appear that Mr. Wang got away none too soon.

Martial law has again been declared in Shanghai's native city and the Woosung area, probably owing to the fact that a Northern coup has just been frustrated in Shanghai.

THE GREEN HOWARDS.

LEAVE SHANGHAI FOR HOME.

ENTHUSIASTIC SEND-OFF.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 6th.

The transport *Dorsetshire* left for home with the first battalion of the Green Howards and 800 gunners. They were given an enthusiastic send-off, in which the Fourth U.S. Marines were the most prominent.

WU PEI FU TO RETURN.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

NANKING, Jan. 5th.

Chiang Kai Shek arrived here on January 4th.

General Yang Sen is reported to be forming a combination, the nominal head of which will be Wu Pei Fu.

The Japanese Consul has also returned and the Japanese flag is again flying in the Consulate.

THE "OUT-AND-OUT" OPPOSITIONISTS.

[Wah Tai Yat Pao.]

SHANGHAI, January 6th.

Some members of the "Left" wing of the Kuomintang, including Mrs. Liao Chung Kai, Chen Shui Jan and Wang Lu Ping, are expected to attend the 4th Kuomintang Conference while Wang Ching Wei, Koo Meng Yu, Chen Kung Pu and Kan Nai Kwang, regarded as "out-and-out" oppositionists, will be excluded.

SOUTHERN ARTILLERY CORPS DISARMED.

[Wah Tai Yat Pao.]

SHANGHAI, January 6th.

An artillery corps belonging to the 1st Independent Division, stationed at Shanghai under General Ho Ying Chien, suspected of being in secret complicity with Northern warlords, General Ho ordered them to be disarmed yesterday.

THE FLOODS IN ENGLAND.

THE THAMES CONTINUES TO RISE.

RECORD AT SHEPPERTON LOCK.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 6th.

The Thames continued to rise during yesterday, and in the afternoon its level at Shepperton Lock was the highest recorded there for 33 years. Following the thaw a further fall of 100 tons of earth has delayed the opening of the Southern Railway line between Merstham and Coulsdon.

It is hoped that normal traffic will be resumed on Monday.

"OUTLAWING" WAR.

THE KELLOGG NOTE TO FRANCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, January 5th.

Instructions have been sent to the French Ambassador in Washington to enable him to reply to Mr. Kellogg's letter with regard to the anti-war ban.

Britain Informed.

LONDON, January 5th.

The United States Government has informed Britain of the contents of the Kellogg Note to France with regard to the proposal to renounce war, but Britain has not been asked for its expression of opinion.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

The "Times" Comment.

RUGBY, January 6th.

Commenting on Mr. Kellogg's note the *Times* emphasises that while Britain is for the present merely a sympathetic and keenly interested outsider, the attitude of France must have particular significance for Britain in view of the Franco-British co-operation in the efforts for promoting European peace.

"One result of these efforts has been that Germany and other formerly hostile nations have been gradually brought into the practical movement for the consolidation of peace. Another result has been the growing confidence in real achievement coupled with reluctance to pin faith to too general formulas that precipitately declare a speedy end of war. America has missed this experience and has taken her own separate way of settling with Europe matters connected with participation in a world war. At the same time it cannot be forgotten that she has from time to time most usefully adapted her policy to the facts of the European situation. Her co-operation, preparation and execution of the Dawes plan has been very valuable and though not a member of the League she has gradually become associated with some of its most numerous activities.

U.S.A. AND NICARAGUA.

"THE WILD BEAST OF THE MOUNTAIN."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MANAGUA, January 5th.

The "rebel" chief Sandino was one of the leaders of the Liberal army until the latter laid down their arms in accordance with the agreement reached by President Coolidge's Envoy, Mr. Stimson. General Sandino, however, refused to surrender and gathered to his standard all those dissatisfied with the settlement and founded a little Republic in the Nueva Segovia district on the border of Honduras. He seized American mines, levied taxes, coined money in the name of the Republic and established a most rigid prohibition regime, under which a man caught selling intoxicants was shot. Even the members of his own party call him a bandit and assassin, while Sandino styles himself as "The wild beast of the mountain."

BRITISH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.

THE COMING NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

"A COURAGEOUS STEP."

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 6th.

Mr. Citrine, Secretary of the Trades Union Congress, referred yesterday to the coming national conference between employers and employees. He said the group of employers who had called the conference had taken a courageous step. At the conference they would consider various facts in relation to the position of British industry. He conceived it probable that in endeavouring to adjust relations between employers and workers the co-partnership would be subjected to very careful study.

BRITISH OLD AGE PENSIONS.

FIRST PAYMENTS UNDER NEW SCHEME.

£225,000 DISBURSED WEEKLY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Jan. 5th.

The first payments of pensions payable under the contributory scheme to persons between 65 and 70 years old who have been insured under the Health Insurance scheme, are being made to-day and it is estimated that the amount of additional money disbursed by bringing into operation this scheme will approximate to £225,000 weekly.

By means of Health and Unemployment Insurance and contributory and non-contributory Old Age Pensions, working men and women are now provided for by the State against the more serious misfortunes of life.

U.S. INVESTMENTS ABROAD.

LAST YEAR'S RECORD.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, January 5th.

All peace-time records for American investments abroad were broken last year, according to the statistics of the Department of Commerce. Purchases of foreign securities totalled over one-and-a-half milliard dollars. Latin-American countries increased their borrowings, but Europe continued to be the chief borrower.

Novelty was provided by the appearance on the market of several British companies.

UGANDA'S DEVELOPMENT.

RAILWAY NEARLY COMPLETED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, January 5th.

The Colonial Office announces that the Tororo-Mbaroti-Jinja extension of the Kenya-Uganda Railway is being opened on January 11th, providing for large cotton producing areas of Uganda a direct railway outlet to the coast. Hitherto, the communications from Uganda to the sea have been by steamer from Lake Victoria ports and the Kisumu terminus of the Uganda Railway.

U.S. SUBMARINE DISASTER.

VICTIMS TO BE BURIED AT ARLINGTON.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

BOSTON, January 5th.

The bodies of the victims of the submarine S.S. disaster will be buried in the National cemetery at Arlington.

INTERNATIONAL MEDAL FOR LINDBERGH.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

PARIS, January 5th.

The International Aeronautic Federation has awarded Lindbergh the Gold Medal of aviation for 1927. It has also decided that the Gordon-Bennett balloon race will be held at Detroit on June 30th.

ITALY'S RETURN TO THE GOLD STANDARD.

AN IMPORTANT DECREE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ROME, January 6th.

Italy's return to the gold standard has been followed by a decree requiring all public, social and commercial institutions to obtain Government authority before negotiating loans abroad. Such authority is unnecessary for the ordinary operations of discounting bills of exchange, opening banking credits, granting delayed payments for the purchase of goods, as long as the latter operations are concluded within a year.

Only loans for productive objects in the general interest or to increase exports or develop production within the kingdom, the products of which would otherwise be imported, will be authorised.

CENTURY-OLD HOTEL ABLAZE.

THREE GUESTS INCINERATED.

PREVIOUS "UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, January 6th.

Two men and one woman guests were incinerated in a fire which destroyed the century old Wessons Hotel at Ossining.

Thirty-five persons were saved by the heroism of the firemen. Three unsuccessful attempts were made last year to set the hotel afire.

SPURIOUS "MEXICAN DOCUMENTS."

WHAT HAND-WRITING EXPERTS SAY.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, January 5th.

Handwriting experts, including three employed by Hearst himself, have testified that the documents purported to be taken from Mexican secret archives are spurious.

A cable dated November 14th stated:—The *New York American* reproduces the facsimile of a document purporting to be an order signed by President Calles of Mexico, authorising the payment of 100,000 pesos to Zepeda, for the purchase of arms and ammunition for the Liberal revolutionary army in Nicaragua.

A later message stated that in spite of the fact that the Mexican Embassy at Washington stated that the documents were forgeries, the *New York American* published further facsimiles alleged to have been issued by President Calles or his subordinates, showing the trend of Mexican policy with regard to Nicaragua.

THE DAWES SCHEME.

AN ERRONEOUS AMERICAN REPORT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, January 5th.

The Treasury describes as erroneous and without foundation the report of the *Journal of Commerce* that the American Government contemplates calling an international conference to discuss the complete revision of the Dawes Scheme and all inter-Allied debts.

MEXICO AGAIN PERTURBED.

ALLEGED RINGLEADERS ARRESTED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MEXICO CITY, January 5th.

Six men have been arrested as the alleged ringleaders of a plot to create a revolution during the present month in co-operation with groups in the State of Jalisco. According to the Government, the conspiracy was directed by Mexican exiles in the United States by whom arms for the revolt had been smuggled into Mexico.

THE BERLIN EXPLOSION.

WORST IN PRUSSIAN CAPITAL FOR MANY YEARS.

18 BODIES RECOVERED: 7 PERSONS MISSING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, January 6th.

Eighteen bodies have been hitherto removed from the explosion ruins, and seven persons are still missing.

The disaster is the worst in Berlin for many years.

THE FAISAL-DOWISH RAIDERS.

ANGLO-IRAQ PUNITIVE FORCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BAGDAD, January 6th.

The formation of a combined Anglo-Iraq force sufficiently powerful to punish Faisal-Dowish raiders was announced by the Premier in the Chamber of Deputies.

He added that operations would be completed within a month.

SCHNEIDER CUP.

TO BE HELD EVERY TWO YEARS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, January 5th.

The International Aeronautic Federation, has, on the British initiative, decided that the Schneider Trophy race will be held every two years, instead of every year. There will be no race this year.

STEEL-MAKING BY WIRELESS.

WORK OF A NEW FURNACE.

"GREAT ADVANCE ON OLD METHODS."

SHEFFIELD, Dec. 7th.

What is picturesquely and correctly described as steel-making by wireless was demonstrated to a party of visitors to-day by Messrs. Edgar Allen and Co., Ltd., of the Imperial Steel Works, Sheffield. The process is carried out by the Ajax-Northrop high frequency furnace, and the furnace which Messrs. Edgar Allen have installed is the first of its kind in the world to be used commercially for the manufacture of high-quality steel. It is a great advance on the old method of melting in crucibles heated by coke or gas fires. The steel is melted by a high-frequency alternating current which circles round the crucible and induces eddy currents in the steel to be melted. There is no external heat; in fact, the furnace is contained in a wooden box. It holds 40lb., as against 60lb. in the ordinary crucible, and the process of melting takes only about one hour.

The heat is induced by electrical effects similar to those used in wireless installations. The walls of the crucible merely serve the purpose of a container, and no heat is passed from the outside of the crucible to the metal within.

Advantages Of The Process.

At a luncheon which followed the visit, Professor Dosh, of the University of Sheffield, said the furnace provided a means of making high-class steel under very strictly controlled conditions, without the slightest danger of contamination by foreign gases. The current consumption of the furnace was remarkably low, because the heat was generated exactly where it was wanted—inside the metal, and not outside. The process seemed to have every prospect of being successful.

Mr. C. K. Everett, a director of Messrs. Edgar Allen, speaking on steel-making, said that Sheffield took second place to no centre in the world, and was always ready to arrive its hardest to fulfil all the demands of the engineer. Sometimes the steel-makers of the city were rebuked because they did not grasp with both arms everything that was put before them. There were many proposals to-day for the manufacture of steel direct from the ore, and a section of the Press had been pushing that very hard. They would have to push a good deal harder before they would get Sheffield to tackle that problem at present.

ENGLISH WOMAN ARCHITECT'S SUCCESS.

COMPETES SUCCESSFULLY FOR THE NEW SHAKESPEARE THEATRE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, January 5th.

Miss Elizabeth Scott, the 29-year-old daughter of a Bournemouth doctor, and connected with famous architects through being related to Sir Gilbert Scott, R.A., has been chosen from the 72 original competitors as the architect for the new Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, at Stratford-on-Avon, which will hold 1,000 people.

Miss Scott was one of the last six competitors, including three English and three American, from whom a selection of further designs resulted in the Assessors, consisting of two Englishmen and one American, unanimously deciding in favour of Miss Scott.

[Sir Gilbert Scott, to whom Miss Scott is related, is well-known as one of England's leading architects. Among his principal works is the new Liverpool Cathedral.]

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Of "Bold And Splendid Conception."

RUGBY, January 5th.

The new theatre at Stratford-on-Avon will replace the one burned down in 1925.

Although she is only 29 Miss Scott's design has been considered the most suitable of the six submitted by three English and three American architects, who were chosen by the Assessors from the 72 original competitors. It is described as of bold and splendid conception in which full advantage has been taken of the exceptionally beautiful site on the banks of the Avon.

Miss Scott states that her design is based on the function of the building. Her idea is that anyone seeing it from outside should know that it is a theatre in which Shakespeare is being played. More than £200,000, much of which has come from America, has been subscribed for the theatre, which will be, for its size, one of the finest in England.



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D'ARTAGNAN	16th Dec.	21st Jan.	14th Feb., "
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A BAD OMEN?

THE MARINE COURT'S FIRST CASE.
WATER POLICE SERGEANT NOT DISMAYED.

Yesterday the Marine Court heard its first case of the year, and Sergeant Goldsmith, who brought the charge against the master of a steam launch (reported elsewhere), was looked upon with sympathetic eyes by the Chinese staff of the Harbour Office.

This aroused the curiosity of a Daily Press representative and on making enquiries, it was learned that the sergeant who brought the first case to the Marine Court in 1927 is no longer living. The Chinese regard it as a coincidence that the first case to come before the Marine Magistrate this year was also brought forward by a sergeant and only two days later than the case heard last year.

It will be remembered that Sergeant F. A. Herbert shot himself in his own room, at the Water Police Station sometime in March last year, and it was he who brought the first case to the Marine Court for 1927. The inference was therefore obvious.

To Sergeant Goldsmith himself, the matter was a huge joke. He jokingly told our representative that although it fell to his lot to bring the first case to the Marine Court, he felt sure that he would not have the courage to shoot himself, and believe what the Chinese may, he would take good care that the coincidence will bring him *Kung Hei Fat Choy* (happy New Year).

MYSTERY OF FOG EXPLAINED.

WHEN THE NUISANCE WAS FIRST SEEN.

HOW TO ABOLISH IT.

[By Dr. J. S. OWENS, F.G.S. (Secretary of the Advisory Committee of the Atmospheric Pollution).]

Our ancestors in prehistoric times made fires of wood and were troubled by smoke fogs. They lived in small, isolated communities, and smoke did not matter to them, provided it escaped from their huts.

Shortly before 852 A.D. coal began to be used as fuel, and by the year 1257 the smoke nuisance was established. To-day many folk have become so familiar with this unpleasant consequence of civilisation that they accept it as an unpalatable but inevitable necessity. Can this foe to health and comfort be abolished permanently?

The chief factor controlling the purity of the air over a great city is the wind. When the wind drops to one or two miles an hour smoke cannot escape, and collects in a heavy pall, shutting out light. Usually, during a widespread water fog, the temperature does not follow the ordinary course of falling regularly as the height above the ground increases, but begins to rise again after a certain height is reached.

When this occurs the smoke cannot rise above the level of this upper belt of warmer and lighter air. The wind fails to carry the smoke away at the same time that it is prevented from escaping upwards, with the result that it collects and we have our familiar experience of a "London particular."

People who live in a city like London are accustomed when told that during a thick smoke haze, with an upper limit of, say, three hundred or four hundred feet, to be puzzled and to wonder how it is possible for smoke to be suspended in the air.

All that is necessary to abolish the nuisance of smoke fogs entirely is determination. Factories can usually consume their own smoke and make a profit out of it. Private houses can use less smoky coal, and more coke or anthracite, and do all their cooking by gas. These and other means are already well known, and when they are more widely practised the life of city dwellers will be made reasonably fit for human beings.

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CHURCH NOTICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.
JANUARY 8th, 1928, 1st Sunday After Epiphany.
Holy Communion at 8 a.m.—Choral.
Matins at 11 a.m.
Prose—Rev. W. R. Cannell.
Evening at 6 p.m.—
Prose—Rev. W. R. Cannell.
Social Gathering in Cathedral Hall after Evensong. [57]

UNION CHURCH (Kowloon Road).

SUNDAY SERVICES, January 8th:—
Sunday School at 9.45 a.m.
Morning Service at 10.30 a.m.
Hymns: 44, 344, 493 and 535.
Prose—Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.
Subject—Deliverance Wrought by Prayer.
Evening Service at 6 p.m.—
Hymns: 29, 184, 289, 488 and 338.
Prose—Rev. J. H. Johnston, D.D.
WEDNESDAY, January 11th, at 8.15 p.m.
Subject—Soldiers' and Sailors' Christian Association.

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SUNDAY SERVICE, January 8th, 1928, at 11.15 a.m.
Subject—"SACRAMENT."
Wednesday Evening Meeting at 5.30 p.m.
Reading Room at above address, open—Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. Monday and Thursday, 2 to 3 p.m.
The Public is cordially invited to attend the services and visit the Reading Room. [57]

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, January 8th.	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
Day	at 2 p.m.	at 4 p.m.	at 6 p.m.
Barometer...	30.18	30.16	30.13
Temperature...	53	57	62
Humidity...	53	62	61
Wind...	E	N E	E
Direction...	E	N E	E
Force...	2	3	4
Weather...	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rain...	0.0	0.0	0.0
Highest open-air Temperature, 7th/8th	61	66	67
Lowest open-air Temperature, 6th/7	47	48	47

B-Blue sky; C-Cloudy; D-Drizzle; F-Fog; L-Lightning; M-Mist; O-Overcast; P-Passing showers; Q-Squalls; R-Rain; T-Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From January 7th to 13th, 1928					
High Water			Low Water		
Day of Week	Date	Time	Day of Week	Date	Time
Sat.	7	10 42	Sun.	8	11 27
Sun.	8	11 27	Mon.	9	10 44
Mon.	9	10 44	Tues.	10	10 05
Tues.	10	10 05	Wed.	11	9 26
Wed.	11	9 26	Thurs.	12	8 47
Thurs.	12	8 47	Fri.	13	8 08

"DARKY" MOVED AT LAST.

NEGRO WHO DEIFIED WHITEHALL.

After three years spent within the shelter of the walls of the Maidstone Poor Law Institution, "Darky," the grinning, 23-year-old Jamaican Negro, has been moved. He has been certified as insane and transferred from the workhouse, which he loved so well, to the Kent Mental Hospital at Barming.

"Darky's" real name is William Bottom, and all that is known of him is that he was born in Jamaica. More than three years ago he broke into a house in the Hollingbourne Union and was sent to prison. When he was discharged from gaol he was sent to the Maidstone Poor Law Institution as a charge upon the Hollingbourne Union. He has cost them more than £200.

Four Government Departments have tried in vain to help the Hollingbourne ratepayers to find some legal way of removing "Darky," and "Darky," said he was so happy that he would not take his discharge. He had an enormous appetite but was able to do little work.

He is now in the Barming Mental Hospital, and instead of being a charge on the small union of Hollingbourne the whole of the county will have to provide his keep. If he recovers sufficiently to be removed from the Mental Hospital he will be returned to the Maidstone Poor Law Institution, but Hollingbourne will not then have to keep him.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship "ALBERT VOGEL" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company's godowns at Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 13th January, 1928, will be subject to Rent. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 15th January, 1928, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.
All Claims must reach us before 27th January, 1928, or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter.

JEBSEN & CO., Agents.
Hong Kong, 6th Jan., 1928. [5750]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'s STEAMER "MALWA."

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Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary six hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival, will be subject to Rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 25th January, 1928, or they will not be recognized.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.
MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.
Hong Kong, 5th Jan., 1928. [5745]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 11th January, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 25th January, 1928, or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
5th January, 1928. [5746]

PRINCE LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK

THE Motor Vessel "JAVANESE PRINCE"

having arrived from the above Port on 2nd instant, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Monday, 8th instant, at 10 a.m.
All Claims must be presented within fifteen days of the Vessel's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

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S.S. "OLDENBURG"	sailing from here on or about the 18th Feb.
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Hong Kong, 3rd Jan., 1928. [5735]

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HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"LINAN" ... On 8th Jan. Noon
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN "SZSCHOEN"	On 9th Jan. 10 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & SINGAPORE	"SONNING" ... On 10th Jan. 5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI "HUPH"	On 10th Jan. 8 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN "BOOCHOW"	On 10th Jan. 7 a.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"CHENAN" ... On 14th Jan. Noon
AMOI, SWATOW, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	"KWANGTUNG" ... On 14th Jan. 8 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"KANCHOW" ... On 15th Jan. 8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK "KINGYUAN"	On 15th Jan. 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN "TEAN"	On 16th Jan. 4 p.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & SINGAPORE	"SHANTUNG" ... On 16th Jan. 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN "SUIYANG"	On 21st Jan. 7 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI" ... On 22nd Jan. 6 a.m.
BANGKOK & SINGAPORE	"KAYING" ... On 22nd Jan. 10 a.m.
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S.S. "LYAOON"	Via Suez Canal	9th March
S.S. "CITY OF DURHAM"	Via Suez Canal	23rd March
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Shipping News

Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.	HONG KONG AND SANDAKAN.	PASSENGERS.
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January 4th.
Gran, Norwegian str., 1,192 tons, Capt. K. J. Karlson, from Canton, lying at Stenocuttlers-Thoresen & Co.
January 5th.
Dessa, Norwegian str., 3,667 tons, Capt. N. Olsen, from Oslo and Singapore. The latter port she left on December 28th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A31—Thoresen & Co.
Chung Hing, Chinese str., 140 str., Capt. Leung Raining, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at Saikong Wharf—Hong On Co.
Chusan, British str., 1,333 tons, Capt. R. Kettlewell, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B9—B. & S.
Engler, Chinese str., 985 tons, Capt. H. Takuai, from Moji, which port she left on December 31st, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—N.Y.K.
Phorus, British str., 2,763 tons, Capt. C. Howe, from Shanghai, lying at Kowloon Bay—A.P.C.
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Shunlei, Chinese str., 994 tons, Capt. B. Miyakawa, from Tientsin and Shanghai. The latter she left on January 1st, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C18—Ching Kee Co.
Tai Pao, French str., 1,910 tons, Capt. P. Maternati, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C4—Shun Cheong S.S. Co.
Tak Hing, Chinese str., 105 tons, Capt. Lo Sau, from Antau, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Cheong Wharf—Fook Hoi S.S. Co.
Vimind, Italian m.s., 5,335 tons, Capt. E. Chierio, from Trieste and Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Dodwell & Co.
Wingun, Chinese str., 933 tons, Capt. I. A. de Lemos, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at Saikong Wharf—Yew Kee Co.
Yuen Jung, Chinese str., 606 tons, Capt. J. Miller, from Saigon, with rice and meal, lying at buoy No. C38—Yuen Sing Fat.

January 6th.
Albert Vogler, for Takao.
Binlung, for Hoihow.
Cheong Shing, for Canton.
Chungking, for Kwong Chow Wan.
Ekturud, for Sebatie.
Eng Lee, for Wuhu.
Hakodate Maru, for Singapore.
Hakata, for Hongkong.
Hokkaido, for Canton.
Kanagawa, for Takao.
Kanagawa, for Sandakan.
Mura, for Singapore.
Pheumpanah, for Saigon.
Phorus, for Takao.
Scutaria, for Singapore.
Shin Hing, for Matao.
Shunka Maru, for Singapore.
Steekun, for Canton.
Tak Hing, for Antau.
Tjauwara, for Amoy.
Tunkin, for Haiphong.
Tydarawa, for Kobe.
Vimind, for Shanghai.
Wan Nomentun, for Manila.
Wing Ho, for Kwong Chow Wan.

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